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SA denies reports of Hizbullah training on its soil
BATSHEVA TSUR

SOUTH Africa is looking into reports that Hizbullah has training camps there.
South African Ambassador Malcom Ferguson, at his request, met yesterday with Foreign Ministry senior deputy director-general Eitan Bentsur, after Israel Radio reported that there are five such camps on South African soil.
A spokesman for South African President Nelson Mandela denied the reports. "That's just unthinkable," Parks Mankahlana told AP.
The Foreign Ministry later issued a denial of the report that a "protest" had been lodged with South Africa, and said that Israel had requested clarifications about the activities of extremist Islamic organizations, including Hizbullah, in South Africa.
"This is a matter which is particularly worrisome because of recent events," a ministry spokesman added. It said the matter was being clarified between the two countries "in the spirit of the friendly relations between them" and had been raised from time to time.
No comment could be obtained from Nigerian Ambassador Ignatius Olesimeka about a report that there is also a Hizbullah camp there.

Ferguson said later that the first he had heard of the reports was "on the radio... I informed [Bentsur] I was extremely concerned to learn of these rumors and confirmed that I would convey this information to my government immediately."
Ferguson said that the matter had recently been mentioned in a meeting between South African Deputy Foreign Minister Aziz Fadah and Ambassador Elazar Granot, which took place during Operation Grapes of Wrath.
The issue came to the fore at the beginning of April, when Hamas and Iran sent delegations to an Islamic fundamentalist meeting in Pretoria. At the time, pressure was brought to bear on Mandela not to meet with the Hamas delegation, and he acceded.
Asked about the South African government's position on Islamic fundamentalist groups, Ferguson said: "We're concerned when religious extremism is associated with a political program that focuses on undermining foreign governments."

Ex-CIA chief Colby feared drowned

LA PLATA, Maryland (AP) - William Colby, who went from the CIA's chief spy in Saigon during the Vietnam War to its director in the mid-1970s, was missing yesterday after his canoe was found capsized near his vacation home.
The case is being investigated as a boating accident, although foul play hadn't been ruled out, Charles County Sheriff Fred Davis said.
Colby apparently went canoeing late Saturday, but his absence wasn't noticed until Sunday night, Davis said.
Coast Guard crews searched the Wicomico River near his Rock Point home for more than five hours, until 12:45 a.m., Petty Officer Joe Dye said.
Authorities continued the search yesterday.
Colby, 76, who began his intelligence career parachuting into France to fight the Nazis, later headed the CIA's Saigon office during the Vietnam War. He was associated with Operation Phoenix, an infiltration effort to root out rural support for communist guerrillas.
He headed the Central Intelligence Agency from 1973 to 1976, under presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.
Neighbors found Colby's canoe about 90 meters off his home's dock Sunday afternoon, Dye said.
After his retirement from the CIA, Colby has been a Washington lawyer and consultant.
He also served as a director of a US-based investment fund called the Vietnam Frontier Fund.



Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu acknowledges the cheers of the crowd during last night's election campaign kickoff rally at the Jerusalem International Convention Center. (Brian Hoodler)

Thousands attend Likud campaign kickoff

THE Likud last night kicked off its election campaign at a packed rally at the Jerusalem International Convention Center. The atmosphere of amity and good will completely belied the bitter infighting of the previous months.
The thousands of supporters in the overflowing hall were a cross section of the population, with teenagers and the elderly, religious and secular, new immigrants and veteran Israelis all well-represented. The crowd even boasted a handful of haredim, though a hand-made sign proclaiming "The haredim are with Bibi" [Binyamin Netanyahu] seemed audacious.
The audience waited good-naturedly for the opening of the rally - which was an hour behind schedule - and filled in the time with occasional chants and songs. When the candidates finally entered, however, some of the most enthusiastic cheers went to a man who is not running: former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir. The crowd also went wild upon seeing MKs Ze'ev Binyamin Begin and Yitzhak Mordechai.
The biggest display of enthusiasm, however, was reserved for prime ministerial candidate Ne-

tanyahu, whose address was punctuated by cheering every few minutes.
"The people of Israel are standing before a choice that will determine [the nation's] character for generations," he said. "[Labor] is proposing a peace without security; we are proposing peace with security... Peace means being able to get on a bus without fear."
Netanyahu outlined four differences he sees between the Labor and Likud positions. First of all, he said, Prime Minister Shimon Peres has made the Palestinian Authority responsible for Israel's security.
"Our first goal will be to return security to our own hands," he said.
Secondly, he said, Labor does not oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state, while the Likud does.
In addition, he continued, "Peres will divide Jerusalem, while we will preserve united Jerusalem."
And finally, he said, "Peres will bring the Syrians to the shores of the Kinneret... while

we will keep the Golan."
All of this can be boiled down to one major difference, he said. "They have lost their faith, but we have kept our faith."
Netanyahu also spent much of his speech attacking Peres, whom the audience cast in the role of Haman in the Purim story by attempting to drown out his name with boos whenever it was mentioned. Netanyahu castigated Peres's statement, which appeared yesterday in *Yotot Aharonot*, that the new understandings in Lebanon "will last until the elections," charging that Peres was sacrificing Israel's security for electoral considerations.
He also jeered at Peres's statement that the PLO's decision to consider changing its covenant was "the most important thing that has happened in the Middle East for the past 100 years."
"I would have said, and doubtless all of you as well... that the most important event in the Middle East in the last 100 years was the establishment of a Jewish state," he said.
Netanyahu was followed at the

microphone by David Levy, whom MK Tzahi Hanegbi introduced as "the man who never left us for a moment." Though Levy was also greeted with an ovation, his speech failed to generate the response Netanyahu's did. His few big cheers came when he stressed the theme of unity, as when he announced: "We are all standing behind one candidate - Bibi Netanyahu."
The joint Likud-Tsomet-Gesher ticket made unity one of the natural themes of the evening.
"Never since 1977 has the right wing been so united," MK Limor Livnat declared.

US, France want to bolster Lebanon as an independent peace partner

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres indicated yesterday that both US President Bill Clinton and French President Jacques Chirac had called for greater independence for Lebanon.
Speaking to reporters on the plane from Washington to New York about his discussion with the president in the White House on Sunday, Peres said, "Clinton said, 'We need to build Lebanon as a partner on the road to peace.' I am thinking along similar lines. We need to build Lebanon just as we built [Palestinian Authority President Yasser] Arafat as a partner."
It remained unclear how feasible it would be to pry Lebanon loose from Syria's political, let

alone military, control. There are currently 40,000 Syrian troops occupying that country. When asked how he felt Syria would react to such an effort, Peres made it clear that he expects Damascus to strongly oppose it.
The new focus on greater independence for Lebanon emerged in the wake of last week's understandings following Operation Grapes of Wrath. As part of those understandings, there is scheduled to be an international effort to raise funds to reconstruct Lebanon.
Israeli officials said the US is

to contribute several hundred armored personnel carriers to the Lebanese army, and noted that the Lebanese army had recently stopped several attempts by Hizbullah gunmen to organize attacks on Israel.
In a panel session at yesterday's AIPAC conference in Washington, Special Middle East Peace Coordinator Dennis Ross said that the new understandings would cover not only Hizbullah Katyusha firings from within villages north of the security zone, but would also include preparations to launch such strikes.
Peres will discuss the Pollard issue with Clinton in their meeting today.
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US, Europe to launch review of Iran's terror role

THE US and European nations will seek to resolve their conflict over whether Iran is supporting terrorism by launching an intensive intelligence review of Iranian activities.
Prime Minister Shimon Peres disclosed this while flying to New York after meeting President Bill Clinton at the White House on Sunday.
An official in the Prime Minister's Office said the review, which Peres referred to as a "fact-finding device," would seek to track Iranian funding of Hamas and other terrorist organizations.
The US has led a rather lonely battle in its containment policy against Iran, charging that it stands behind various terrorist groups. European nations, particularly France and Germany, say that there is little evidence to support this. They instead favor what they call a "critical dialogue" with Iran on the subject of terrorism.
Peres has termed this European policy "a scandal," and has suggested that it is due, in no small measure, to Europe's desire to do business with Iran.
Peres also noted that a Hizbullah gang had been caught in France, apparently on its way to attack targets in Europe.
DAVID MAKOVSKY, New York

Arafat to US for meeting with Clinton

HILLEL KUTTLER and News agencies
WASHINGTON

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat will meet here with President Bill Clinton during a three-day visit that starts today, a US official said yesterday.
"The president is hopeful he can arrange a meeting. We're still trying to find a time," the official said. "It's a good opportunity for the president to reinforce the efforts [Arafat's] taken against terrorism and to offer further encouragement."
A White House official said Arafat would see Clinton either tomorrow or Thursday, after Prime Minister Shimon Peres leaves Washington.
A PLO spokesman here said Arafat is arriving this afternoon.
A possibility exists that Arafat and Peres will meet tonight, spokesmen for the PLO and the Israeli Embassy said.
The Clinton-Arafat meeting is seen by some analysts here as a reward for Arafat, following the Palestine National Council's vote last week authorizing a change in the PLO Covenant that clash with the 1993 Israeli-PLO letters of recognition.
The US official stated that the meeting is a strictly bilateral session and will not include Peres, who is meeting with Clinton today as he concludes his visit.
Clinton and Arafat have held only one substantive meeting -

last September 28 in the Oval Office - before Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin signed Oslo 2.
Arafat also visited the White House for the signing of the Declaration of Principles on September 13, 1993.
Meanwhile, Peres told a Washington Institute for Near East Policy forum that "out of our good will," Israel is willing to help in Lebanon's reconstruction.
In a joint appearance with Peres on Sunday night at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Clinton offered his most ringing defense yet of Israel's actions in Lebanon, saying that the Lebanese children killed in the shelling of Kana "were caught between - make no mistake about it - the deliberate tactics of Hizbullah in their positioning and firing."
He pledged that the US-Israeli relationship will remain "so strong and so vital that no one will ever drive a wedge between us."
He also said that the administration will commit \$200 million toward the deployment phase of the Arrow missile.
"Israel will have not only the advantage it needs today, but will be able to defeat threats of tomorrow," Clinton said.
In his remarks to AIPAC, Peres thanked Clinton for his administration's contributions to

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Weizman: New pact is better

THE understandings achieved as a result of Operation Grapes of Wrath are better than those achieved after Operation Accountability, President Ezer Weizman said yesterday.

Speaking during an awards ceremony at Beit Hanassi sponsored by the Council for a Beautiful Israel, Weizman said: "It may be that something good will come out of it. We achieved [something] better than what there was before, and less than what he'd hoped for. For the first time, we have the participation of the US and the European Union [in an agreement], and a document signed by the Syrians. This could be an opening to an overall peace in the Middle East, and we should stop criticizing."

He said Kiryat Shmona had suffered serious damage and called on voluntary organizations to help with the rebuilding.

DAVID RUDGE and Jim

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said the cease-fire agreement did not legitimize Syria's presence in Lebanon. Speaking in Haifa, Sneh said that Syria's presence in Lebanon is a fact, since Lebanon is currently controlled by two countries: Syria and Israel, with each guarding its own interests, "and this is the justification Israel has for the security zone, so long as there is no other agreement."

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat visited some of the Katyusha-hit buildings in Kiryat Shmona, after spending the night in Metulla. He later toured other confrontation line settlements, then met with manufacturers and businessmen in Nahariya.

He said it is still too early to accurately assess the total cost of the damage, both physi-

cally and in terms of lost production, trade, tourism, and agriculture.

"There's no doubt, however, that we are talking about damage, directly and indirectly, of more than NIS 100 million," he said.

Israel Electric Corporation managing director Rafi Peled said the company had repaired 54 electrical grids in Kiryat Shmona and that there had been 21 incidents of damage to high tension wires. The repairs cost NIS 700,000, according to Zvi Koltchik, director of the IEC's northern district.

Shohat reiterated his promise that the government would give priority to repairing the damage in the North, especially in Kiryat Shmona which bore the brunt of the attacks.

Shohat said he intends to have concrete proposals ready to submit to the government within two weeks.

France takes credit for Lebanon cease-fire

Chirac: We have regained Mideast foothold

News agencies

Foreign Minister Herve de Charette added that the truce was "a good understanding, based largely on French proposals."

"Eighty percent of the text comes from ideas which we ourselves expressed," he told a news conference after his two-week mission that was upstaged by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said yesterday Lebanon had emerged from Israel's 17-day bombardment stronger, more united, and more determined than before to oust the IDF from the south.

But he said Lebanon would honor the cease-fire accord and ensure that Hizbullah does not

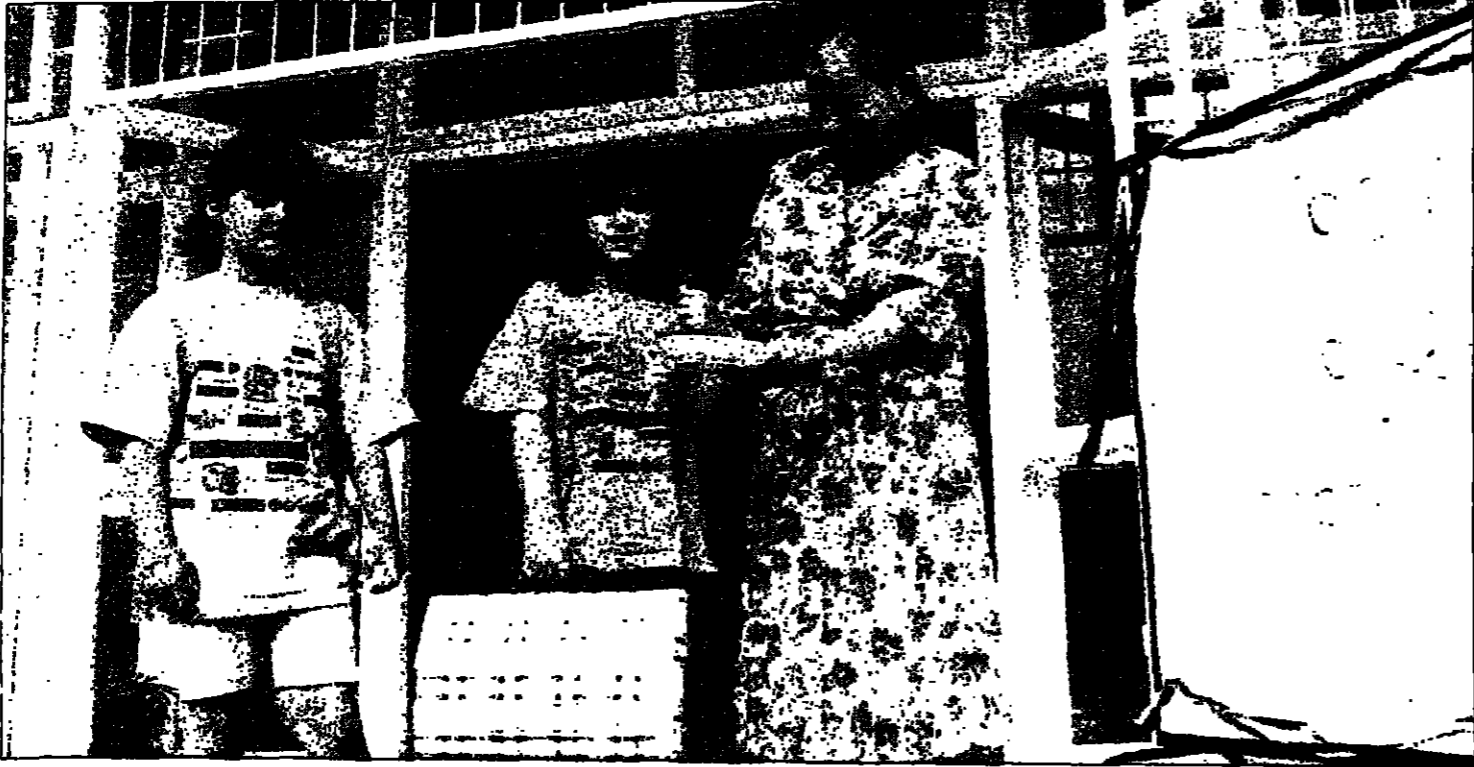
violate it.

"We have been through a cruel ordeal but we have emerged, society and system, stronger than we were and more united in confronting difficulties," Hariri said.

"Nothing can ever keep us from holding to our will to rebuild, to liberate our land, and no force can stop the Lebanese dream of renewing life in this country and renewing its role, its system, and its people," Hariri declared.

Hundreds of engineers toiled for the third day yesterday to repair power stations, water pipes, and road networks destroyed in Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Red Cross volunteers began preparing coffins for a mass funeral for the 91 civilians killed in Kana.



A teacher welcomes her pupils back to school in Kiryat Shmona yesterday.

(Avilim Shapiro/Israel Sun)

Children return to school in Kiryat Shmona

DAVID RUDGE

CHILDREN in Kiryat Shmona were greeted with sweets and smiles from teachers and hugs from classmates as they returned to school yesterday - nearly three weeks after the start of Operation Grapes of Wrath.

"I never thought I would hear myself say this, but it's great to be back at school," Katie Zagari, 14, said shortly after arriving at the Janusz Korczak junior high school.

"We have been away from school for nearly a month-and-a-half, because there was the Pesach holiday before the fighting. It's good to see everybody again and start to get back to normal."

Normal, however, is a relative term in Kiryat Shmona, where nearly one-third of all the homes were damaged by Katyushas, including that of Katie's family.

"On the first day, when we heard the helicopters and planes, but the operation had not been

officially announced, we knew that something was going to happen because there was a war atmosphere," Katie said.

"We all went to Tiberias the same day, all six of us, my parents and my brothers and sisters, and afterwards to Kibbutz Ayelet Hashahar, but we came back to Kiryat Shmona on Saturday evening."

"We heard several salvos of Katyushas falling nearby, and we all spent the night crammed in the security room."

"The following day, we went to Rosh Pina, except for my father and my elder brother. About a week later, another rocket landed across the street and my brother, who was in the shower at the time, was lucky to escape. He was very shaken and decided that enough was enough, and he and our father came to join us," she said.

The family returned to their home on Saturday night, following the cease-fire.

"It was very strange, like entering a place I didn't know and yet I did. The windows were broken, the living room, the television. Everything was strange and new and broken," Katie said.

Her friend Shani Deutch, also 14, returned home with her family on Sunday.

"Even though we were treated

with a great deal of warmth in the hotel where we stayed, we couldn't wait to come home," Shani said. "When we did, we found our home had been hit. The windows were broken, and we worked until the early hours of the morning, to clean everything up."

"I can't remember a situation like this. We were never scared of Katyushas before, but this time it seems they managed to put fear in our hearts."

Despite the uncertainty over the future, Shani said her family has no intention of leaving.

"You can't say the understandings did not achieve anything. The very fact that we have been able to return, come back to school, and walk on the streets is an achievement," she said.

"They didn't solve the problems in the long term, however, and there's still the danger of more rocket attacks, even in the next few days."

Her comments were echoed by Katie.

"Even though it's over and there's an agreement, I prefer to sleep in the security room with my parents, because I don't think Hizbullah can be trusted."

The first lessons at school were designed to let the children express their feelings and describe their experiences, to give teachers, psychologists, and counselors the opportunity to identify those in need.

"We prepared a questionnaire for the children, so that we could identify the problems and the hurt," said principal Shosh Shemer. "I know of people who were pupils here many years ago and are still carrying the scars of previous incidents. What we are trying to do is to ensure that the scars will be minimal."

"The children are returning now and everything seems, on the face of it, to be normal. But we are already finding one or two children in every class who have problems sleeping, who find it difficult to leave their mother, or who told us they weren't able to bring any books or even pencils with them because everything in their home was destroyed."

She said the aim of the talks between the teachers and pupils is to allow the children to vent their anger and fears and to realize they are not alone.

Several pupils were absent yesterday, along with one teacher, Hani Hani, wife of deputy mayor Yossi Hani. She was badly wounded in a Katyusha attack and is still in Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Municipal officials said around 85 percent of the children returned to school and they expected all of them back by today.

Work continued to repair school buildings so they could reopen. One nursery, which suffered a direct hit, remained shut because of the damage. The rest of the schools and kindergartens opened as planned.

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Peres likened the use of American technicians to the Multinational Force and Observers policing border areas of the Sinai Peninsula, which includes US soldiers and forces from several other countries.

After the AIPAC conference, Peres and Clinton held 35 minutes of late-evening talks in the Oval Office, reviewing defense cooperation and the accord that ended Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Saviv told an AIPAC forum yesterday that Syrian President Hafez Assad "wants to have it both ways" in concluding a deal with Israel.

"He's going to find out ... he can't have Iran and Israel at the same time ... He can't keep doing what he's doing and have good relations with the US. He has to decide what his basic strategy is."

Assad is "challenged by peace in a much broader way" because "he would like to have it without the necessary ramifications" - relations with Israel.

Also yesterday, a senior Israeli official told American columnists that "if I thought that in another 10 years the Syrians would forget about the Golan, I would wait."

Swiss bankers to meet Jewish leaders

MARLYN HENRY

NEW YORK

SWISS bankers and Jewish leaders are scheduled to meet here at the end of the week to form an independent commission which will make a final determination on the extent of Holocaust victims' assets in Swiss banks.

The meeting would be the first step in an unprecedented process to audit Swiss accounts. It is expected to be a largely technical session that would lay out the commission's responsibilities. Discussions about the audit would occur at future meetings.

Forming the commission was part of a pledge made by the Swiss Bankers Association in a letter, dated April 9, to Israel Singer of the World Jewish Congress. This commitment was reiterated last week in hearings in front of the Senate Banking Committee.

The bankers' letter originally proposed a commission of three to seven members "whose experience and integrity are well known worldwide." However, sources said, the bankers are expected to accept a Jewish proposal for an expanded body of 10 members.

Half of this commission would be representatives of the World Jewish Restitution Organization, which includes the Jewish Agency, World Jewish Congress, Joint Distribution Committee, and survivors' organizations.

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Yisrael Ba'aliya leader Natan Sharansky presents the party's petition for Amharic and Russian translations to be put on election material to the High Court of Justice yesterday.

Yisrael Ba'aliya to court: Order Russian, Amharic election materials

YISRAEL Ba'aliya yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to order various election materials to be printed in Russian and Amharic, as well as Hebrew and Arabic.

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the country's official languages: Hebrew and Arabic. The petition argued that the CEC misinterpreted the law. While the only languages mentioned in the law are Hebrew and Arabic, it does not specifically forbid the use of other languages, the petition said.

when some 15% of the voters are new immigrants, many of whom do not yet speak Hebrew. While the CEC plans to have a telephone hotline for new immigrants who need to know where to vote and cannot read their cards, this is insufficient, the petition said, because many will not even realize that these notices contain important information.

Meretz pushing for prompt Hebron pullout

MERETZ has decided to increase the pressure on Prime Minister Shimon Peres to withdraw from Hebron before the May 29 elections, following indications that Peres is considering a phased withdrawal.

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part of the agreement, despite all the difficulties. Any further postponement will not only be an infringement of the agreement, but also will show a lack of gratitude towards a partner who has carried out his part of the partnership, Sarid wrote.

Sages also called on Peres not to redeploy the IDF from Hebron. In a letter to Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and former MK Rabbi Menahem Porush, Peres wrote that he was not considering withdrawing the IDF from Machpela Cave and the Jewish community, but only from the Arab community in Hebron.

Supreme Court explains why Tibi's party, Yemin Yisrael weren't disqualified

A PARTY can not be disqualified because of a conflict of interest, the Supreme Court declared yesterday in explaining why it had not disqualified Ahmed Tibi's Arab Movement for Renewal party.

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question, deciding that since the right to establish a political party is so fundamental to democracy, a party could only be disqualified for the reasons explicitly listed in the law: denying Israel's existence as a Jewish and democratic state; inciting racism; or serving as a front for criminal activity.

Cheshin, and Dalia Dornier ruled that the party's statement that "Israel belongs to the Jewish people and it alone" neither incites to racism nor denies the state's democratic character, since it does not preclude granting Arabs full civil rights.

Third Way, Sharansky sign surplus vote deal Hefetz: Terrorists likely to try affecting elections

LIAT COLLINS

THE Third Way has reached a vote surplus agreement with Natan Sharansky's Yisrael Be'Aliya party, Third Way No. 2 Yehuda Harel announced yesterday.

TERROR groups hoping to influence the outcome of the upcoming elections are likely to try to launch attacks over the next few weeks, Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz warned yesterday.

BILL HUTMAN

"We know of plans to carry out terror attacks, like those carried out not so long ago, aimed at affecting the election," he said. He called on the parties' campaign organizers to hold major rallies only at sites that can be well guarded, such as stadiums and theaters.

has been taken away, and police manpower in the capital cut back. Hefetz explained that the army needed to get back to its regular training routine, and that policemen also could not be kept on a 12-hour-a-day schedule with no vacations.

Gush Etzion rabbi to take part in Meretz election campaign

MICHAL YUDELMAN

ORTHODOX Rabbi Ami Katz of Gush Etzion has asked Meretz leaders to take part in the party's election campaign, Meretz's spokeswoman said yesterday.

Shas is reportedly close to signing a surplus vote agreement with the Likud. However, most of Shas's voters support the right wing, despite the tendency of Shas's spiritual mentor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, to prefer Prime Minister Shimon Peres to Likud leader MK Binyamin Netanyahu.

Several Arab leaders and Arab parties threatened not to vote for Peres in the elections, and to put a blank note in the ballot box instead.

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British Tories could split

LONDON (Reuters) - British opposition parties said yesterday they saw evidence of deepening Conservative divisions over Europe and predicted the ruling party may be on the point of splitting apart on the issue.

Their forecasts were prompted by reports that up to 100 Conservative members of parliament planned to issue headline statements to their constituents at the next general election opposing further integration with the European Union.

This would put them at odds with the official policy of Prime Minister John Major, who is attempting to hold together a party containing both pro-European and a strong "Euro-sceptic" wing. He has not ruled out British participation in some EU projects, such as a single European currency.

The Tory Party is more than hopelessly split - it is now actually splitting into two parties," said John Prescott, deputy leader of the opposition Labor Party.

Emma Nicholson, a legislator who defected from the Conservatives to the minority Liberal Democrats in December, predicted a Conservative schism after the next election which would bring a realignment of British politics.

"The tectonic plates are grinding and I think there will be an earthquake," she said. An election is due by May, 1997, and latest opinion polls put the Conservatives 22 points behind Labor.

Plans to come out against further EU integration, including a single currency, belong to the right-wing "92 Group". Conservative Party chairman Brian Mawhinney called press reports on the affair "hypothetical and without foundation".

"The government will have a manifesto on which it will fight the election, and Conservative candidates will be associated with that manifesto," he told journalists. Reports of new divisions alarmed party officials who already acknowledge that local elections being held over large parts of England on Thursday will provide striking confirmation of the government's deep unpopularity.



New Chechen rebel chief Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev seen in front of a portrait of his predecessor Dzhokhar Dudayev at a press conference on Friday. Yandarbiyev was reported killed in fighting yesterday.

Senior Chechen rebel denies new leader killed

NEWS AGENCIES URUS-MARTAN, Russia

A senior Chechen field commander yesterday denied reports that new rebel chief Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev had been shot dead.

"I spoke to him an hour ago by radio," said Doku Makbayev, who commands a sector of the rebels' southwestern front. "He is in very good condition. There was no incident. There was no shooting," Makbayev said the conversation took place at 5 p.m.

Yandarbiyev's death was reported by officials in the pro-Moscow Chechen government, who said he had been killed in a settling of accounts by rivals. But Interfax news agency earlier yesterday also quoted a senior representative of Russia's Federal Security Service as denying Yandarbiyev had been killed.

It reported that the unnamed FSB representative said in the Chechen capital Grozny it was not Yandarbiyev who had been killed but his nephew.

"The report of the death of Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev in an exchange of fire in the Urus-Martan region is hasty," the unnamed FSB representative said in the Chechen capital Grozny. Yandarbiyev, a hardline supporter of Chechnya's independence, was appointed Chechen president a week ago after his predecessor Dzhokhar Dudayev was killed in a rocket attack.

Russian news agencies had been reporting most of the day that Yandarbiyev was dead, although it could not be confirmed and the new

agency, Interfax, first said the report was wrong.

It quoted the high-ranking FSB official saying in Grozny it was Yandarbiyev's nephew who was killed, not the Chechen leader.

Reporting from Chechnya, the independent Russian NTV network said the "sensational rumor" could not be confirmed. The commander of Russian troops in Chechnya, Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, cautioned that the report was dubious.

"There is information on the death of Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev in that clash. However, it's still too early to speak of this as an accomplished fact," he told Interfax.

Yandarbiyev was named by rebel leaders last week to succeed Dudayev, who had led the Chechen separatists' drive for independence from Moscow.

He has pledged to carry on the rebels' fight and said he would talk peace only after Moscow withdraws its troops and acknowledges Chechnya's independence.

Many analysts and Russian officials had seen Yandarbiyev, Dudayev's former vice president and ideology chief, as only a transitional leader. Several predicted that one of the rebel field commanders would eventually emerge as Dudayev's real successor.

Dudayev's death has created confusion over prospects for peace talks in Chechnya, where Russian troops have been battling Chechen rebels for more than 16 months.

His widow, Alla Dudayeva, has asked Russian officials to guarantee her safe passage to Moscow so she can travel to the Kremlin on a peace mission.

Yesterday, Russian and Turkish news agencies said she sent a message to Turkish President Suleyman Demirel asking for help in her initiative.

Chechnya's Moscow-backed government was hostile to the idea, saying she had no right to undertake a political mission on behalf of Chechens.

Russian troops meanwhile, appeared poised for a major attack on the town of Shali, 25 km southeast of Grozny, the Chechen capital. IAR-Tass said Russian commanders said they would attack the town unless rebel fighters cleared out by tonight.

Such attacks in the past on other towns and villages have claimed numerous civilian casualties. There was also fighting late Sunday and into yesterday near the settlement of Goidsokoye outside Urus-Martan. Russian military sources claim several hundred rebels are holed up inside the town, Interfax said.

An estimated 30,000 people have been killed in the war, and President Boris Yeltsin is trying to reach some resolution ahead of June's presidential elections.

Bhutto slammed by rival over Pakistan bus bombing

LAHORE (Reuters) - Pakistani opposition leader Nawaz Sharif accused Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto yesterday of failing to maintain law and order after a bomb blast in a bus killed at least 37 people in the Punjab.

"The government has failed to control law and order," Sharif told reporters after meeting some of about 30 people injured by Sunday's blast. "There is no law and there is no order."

He also challenged Bhutto to name the "foreign elements" she blamed for the blast at Phool Nagar town, about 50 km south of the provincial capital Lahore, on the eve of the Moslem festival of Eid al-Adha.

A government official yesterday scaled down the blast death toll to 37 from earlier official figures of more than 50.

Tahir Raza Naqvi, deputy commissioner of Kasur district, told Reuters that 36 skulls and skeletons had been found in the wreckage of the burnt-out bus and one injured person had died in hospital.

Four others were in critical condition. The official AFP news agency had said 52 people were killed. It has also revised its toll to 37.

Naqvi blamed the earlier death toll of more than 50 on "a lot of confusion" over the count of body parts. "It was a pathetic scene with skeletons and skulls on the seats," Naqvi said.

Near a door of the bus were piled eight to 10 bodies of passengers who appeared to have been trapped by fire as they tried to escape, he said.

Naqvi said 36 bodies were buried in separate graves but doctors were unable to identify any of them.

"Relatives might be able to identify three to four bodies because we found a necklace, a wrist watch and spectacles on them," he said. "The others were unrecognisable."

The blast, the latest chapter in Pakistan's violent history of bombings, prompted authorities to reiterate their determination to stamp out terrorism.

"The government...will fight them till the last of them is brought to book," Bhutto said in a statement.

She interrupted her Eid holidays to make an overnight visit to Lahore, a stronghold of political opponents.

Though Bhutto blamed unspecified "terrorists" for the bombing, she appeared to point a finger at India, Pakistan's arch-enemy, when she told reporters in Lahore it seemed to be "subversion aided by foreign elements".

Islamabad has often accused New Delhi of sponsoring sabotage in Pakistan in retaliation for its political support for Moslem militants fighting Indian rule over two-thirds of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

Popular Swedish king celebrates 50th birthday in style

STOCKHOLM (AP) - With pomp, circumstance, and Stevie Wonder, Sweden is celebrating the 50th birthday of its down-to-earth king, Carl XVI Gustaf.

The big day is today, when the popular monarch and his German-born wife, Queen Silvia, will ride in a gilded open carriage through downtown Stockholm, accompanied by scores of sword-carrying horse soldiers and cheered by thousands of Swedes.

A sumptuous banquet at the royal palace for 600 people will top the festivities, which started Saturday with a concert gala for the royal family.

The surprise guest star was American singer Stevie Wonder, who crooned "that's why all of Sweden loves you" as he sang "Happy Birthday" for the delighted monarch.

Wonder later shook hands with the royal family, including 18-year-old Crown Princess Victoria. The buildup to today's birthday has left no part of Carl Gustaf's life unmimed. Books, magazines and TV documentaries have shown his highness through the years - skiing, hiking, flying, partying, studying, shopping, sailing, diving and dating.

Carl Gustaf met his wife-to-be when she was his VIP interpreter at the Munich Olympics in 1972. The popular queen Silvia, born in Heidelberg during World War II, celebrated her own 50th birthday three years ago.

The staid Svenska Dagbladet newspaper, in illustrating his highness' fashion sense, even printed an artist's rendition of the king in his underwear, complete with the Swedish crown emblem.

The newspaper featured one of the many interviews the normally reserved monarch granted to mark his 50th birthday.

In surprisingly candid tones, Carl Gustaf recounted a late-night chat with a down-and-out Swedish emigrant who'd failed to start a new life in Australia, and the sadness of Swedish immigrants he met at an old people's home in the United States.

The king, who suffers from the reading disorder dyslexia, said he'd "never been so nervous in my whole life" as when he made a speech in French amid the royal splendor of Versailles.

As for life away from Nobel Prize banquets and formal state dinners, Carl Gustaf admitted: "On Sunday evenings, we have a private dinner and peep around in the kitchen. I think plain-old Swedish home cooking is just great."

Over the years, the king has matured from his 1970s swinger look, topped by long sideburns, into a graying monarch with an avuncular smile and twinkle in his eye behind sensible glasses.

One just-published book on his life quotes from an interview in which he was asked: "What do you have to say about Sweden's reputation for free love?"

The royal answer: "How could I know?"

Palestinian hijacker stands trial in Germany

HAMBURG (AP) - A Palestinian woman charged in the bloody 1977 hijacking of a Lufthansa airliner said yesterday it wasn't fair for her to be put on trial while her husband gets a Nobel prize.

Suhaila al Sayeh, 43, was the only one of four Palestinian hijackers to survive when German commandos stormed the plane in Mogadishu, Somalia, and freed the 87 hostages.

She was arrested in 1994 in Oslo, Norway, after 17 years on the run and extradited to Germany to stand trial on charges of hijacking, attempted murder and being

an accessory to the murder of the plane's captain.

At the trial opening, al Sayeh said she had no confidence in the justice system in Germany or Norway and felt she was being discriminated against.

PLO chief Arafat was involved in much more serious attacks, she argued, and yet he was awarded the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo and a similar prize in Hamburg.

"I feel that it's not even worth fighting," she said of the charges against her.

Al Sayeh entered the courtroom on crutches, saying that several months in custody had weakened her. "I would like to say that I find myself in a crisis," she said.

She was seriously wounded in the shootout that accompanied the storming of the plane. She served a short prison term in Somalia, then disappeared until her arrest in Oslo, where she had lived for three years under a new name with her husband and young daughter.

Rejecting her claims she was only a soldier following orders, Norway extradited her to Germany on Nov. 25. Her attorney

has said she has nothing to do with terrorism anymore.

The plane was hijacked Oct. 13, 1977, en route from Majorca to Frankfurt. The hijackers, from the PFLP, demanded the release of imprisoned group members and of left-wing terrorists of Germany's Red Army Faction.

German authorities broke off negotiations after the captain was shot. The hijackers threatened to kill the 83 passengers and four other crew members.

The three male hijackers were killed in the shootout and two Germans were wounded.

Sleepwalker tastes life on the edge

LONDON (Reuters) - A 34-year-old British man found himself hanging on for dear life after walking over the edge of a cliff in his sleep.

Im Smith's cries for help on Sunday were heard by a neighbor who called the emergency services to rescue him from his perch 10 meters above the incoming tide near Torquay.

Smith, who lives only a short distance from the cliff, said yesterday his last memory before he woke up was of dreaming that he was lying on a ledge.

Ex-South Korean premier Chun denies all charges against him

SEOUL (AP) - Rejecting charges that could bring him the death penalty, former military strongman Chun Doo-hwan said yesterday he acted to thwart a possible North Korean invasion when he expanded martial law nearly 16 years ago.

"The expansion of martial law was inevitable to prevent a national crisis and was a threat from North Korea," Chun told the court trying him on charges of mutiny and treason.

Prosecutors see Chun's expanding martial law in 1980 as an elaborate plan by the former general to grab power after staging a coup six months earlier.

Chun's mutiny-treason trial reopened only three hours after the end of his separate trial on charges that he took millions of dollars in bribes from businessmen during his presidency.

Chun, 64, heard prosecutors demand years of prison for four aides accused of being accomplices in his bribe-taking.

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Bomb explodes at Spokane City Hall

SPOKANE, Washington (AP) — A pipe bomb exploded in a doorway of Spokane City Hall early yesterday morning, police said. The building was unoccupied and no one was injured.

Workers discovered damaged entry doors at about 6:30 a.m. and shrapnel in the area appeared to be from "a fairly large pipe bomb," Police Chief Terry Mangan said.

Mangan said it was not known whether the blast was intended to divert attention from some other crime or is related to bombings earlier this month at a newspaper office and bank in Spokane.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI were called in, while city employees searched other city buildings, bridges and communications sites as a precaution.

A bomb squad prepared to enter City Hall to search for other explosives, while city employees were sent to wait at the Spokane Arena about three blocks away.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombing, but Mangan said police were investigating some graffiti on the building near the blast site.

Debris was scattered for more than 100 meters in front of the building.

On April 1, men in ski masks and military-style fatigues set off a small bomb while robbing a bank in suburban Spokane Valley. Minutes earlier, another pipe-bomb had exploded outside a nearby suburban office of The Spokesman-Review newspaper.

The blasts were reminiscent of bombings in the 1980s, in Spokane, Seattle and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, carried out by members and sympathizers of The Order, an offshoot of the white supremacist Church of Jesus Christ (Mormons), of Hayden Lake, Idaho. Those bombings appeared to be aimed at diverting police away from simultaneous robberies.

Authorities have said they also are investigating whether the Spokane Valley blasts are connected to the Aryan Republican Army, a white supremacist group that authorities say has committed at least 16 bank robberies and

bombings in the Midwest.

Meanwhile, in Macon, Georgia, a bomb squad removed a suspicious package yesterday from Macon's federal courthouse, where two militia members were to face hearings on charges of conspiring to stockpile pipe bombs.

The cardboard box was hauled away in a bomb-proof drum about 11:45 a.m. less than three hours before the start of the hearings.

Bart McEntire, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Macon, would not say what made the package suspicious, to whom it was addressed or where it was taken. The courthouse was not evacuated or closed during the removal.

Robert Edward Starr III and William James McCranie Jr., both of Roberts, were to appear before a federal judge in separate bond hearings yesterday afternoon.

McCranie arrived just before noon in a convoy of unmarked cars, his hands cuffed. He was escorted into the rear of the building.

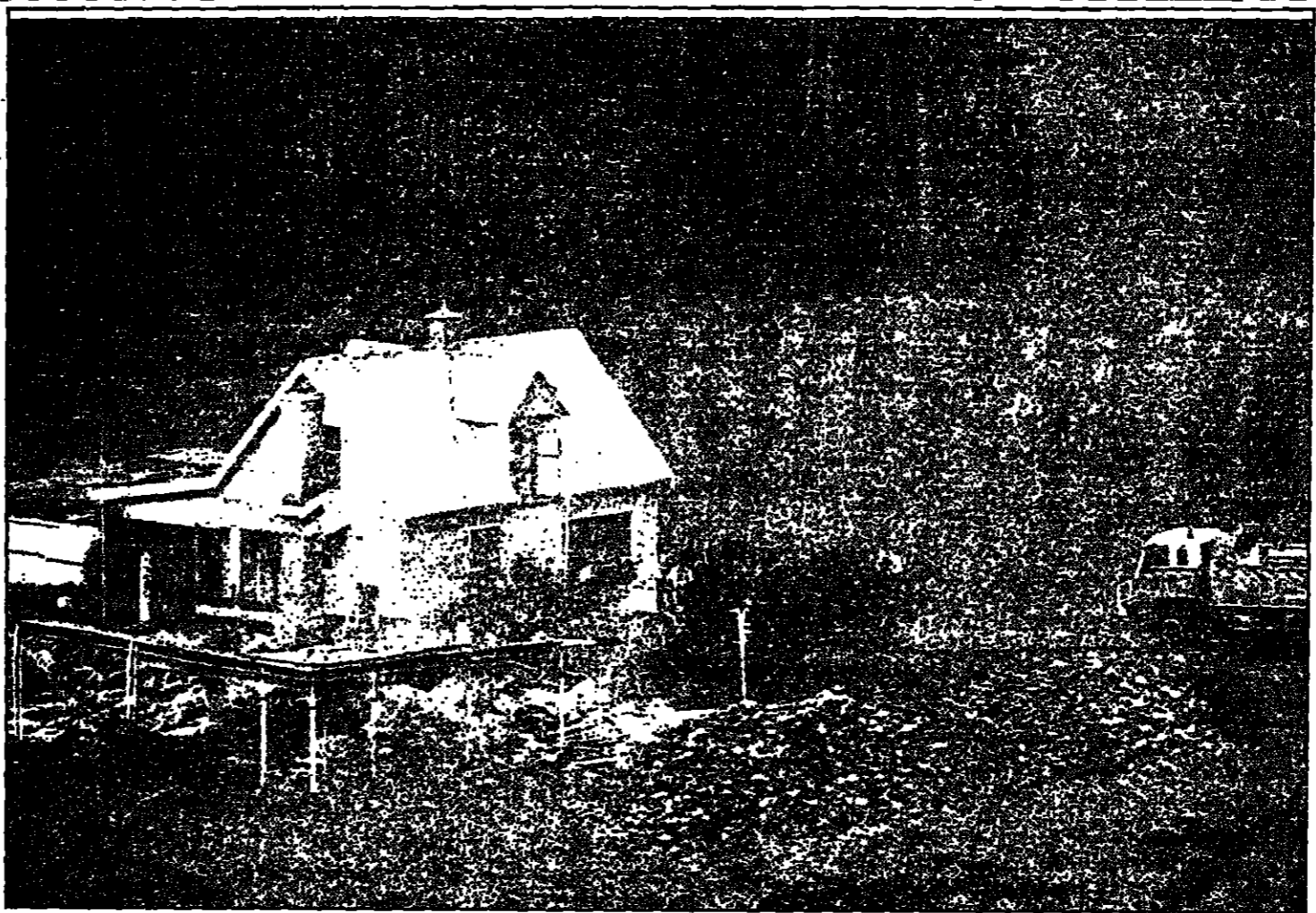
The two men were arrested Friday after the ATF raided their homes in the rural town 38 km west of Macon, confiscating 10 pipe bombs.

An informant told agents Starr and McCranie planned to build and distribute bombs. Authorities say Starr, 34, and McCranie, 30, are members of the Georgia Republic Militia Group, which is believed to have 11 to 15 members.

A half-dozen Alabama men who stood outside the courthouse before yesterday's hearing said they sympathized with Starr and McCranie and planned to monitor the hearing.

Asked if they belonged to a militia, Bob Peacock of Birmingham, Alabama, said, "We belong to a group of like-minded individuals. We want to see for ourselves the truth. It's the right of the people to know."

The US Marshals Service stationed agents in the hallways of the courthouse yesterday, and visitors were escorted to their destinations inside.



A fire truck stands next to the smoldering building where the crazed gunman was holed out in Port Arthur, Tasmania. (Reuters)

Crazed gunman hospitalized as shocked Australia mourns

GEOFF SPENCER
PORT ARTHUR, Tasmania

The gunman who shot to death at least 34 people in a cold-blooded rampage was under sedation and police guard in hospital as stunned Australians mourned the victims.

Police were trying to locate the body of missing person they fear could be the 35th victim, burned in a fire at an inn started by the gunman. Two other bodies were found in the burned rubble on the island of Tasmania. The rest of the victims were shot.

The gunman driven into this tourist town in a Volvo with a surfboard on top and began methodically firing semiautomatic weapons among picturesque sandstone ruins of a colonial prison.

Police sources and the Australian Broadcasting Corp. named the assailant as Martin Bryant, a 28-year-old Hobart man with no criminal record but with a history of psychological problems.

The bodies of most of the dead were transferred to a morgue in nearby Hobart after sunset yesterday while churches throughout the country held prayer vigils.

Four bodies were left where they fell at the scene so police could gather more forensic evidence.

Hundreds holding candles packed Hobart's St. David's Cathedral for a memorial service. Some mourners wept openly as they remembered murdered family and friends.

Prime Minister John Howard said the slayings have "shaken the nation to the core."

The government of Tasmania said the state, Australia's smallest, was in shock. Until now it had enjoyed little violent crime despite lax gun controls. Lawmakers debated whether to outlaw assault weapons nationwide.

Police say Bryant had been armed with mili-

tary-type AR-15 and an SKS assault rifles.

Some relatives of the dead visited the scene with officers. One man who lost his wife and two children sat in an unmarked squad car sobbing with his head in his hands.

Police have yet to interview Bryant and had not established a motive for the attack.

Local media reported he suffered mental problems and mood swings after a car crash three years ago.

People who claimed to be neighbors of the gunman said he lived on a farm outside of Hobart for four years and had threatened to shoot trespassers in the past.

Witnesses said he wreaked a trail of bloody havoc as he fired at children, hikers and other cars as he drove down a short stretch of coastal highway before holing up in a nearby guest house where he took potshots at police.

Detectives tried in vain to persuade him to surrender peacefully. However, negotiations ended when the battery of his mobile phone went dead.

He was captured yesterday morning after he set fire to the house with three hostages inside. The fire ended an all-night standoff.

Officers said he ran from the burning building and threw down two rifles after his clothes caught alight.

"He didn't give himself up. He came out because the house was on fire," a police spokesman said.

He was hospitalized with burns to his back and buttocks. Doctors said the suspect was in a satisfactory condition in Royal Hobart Hospital, which also cared for 18 victims who

were injured.

"They are in different wards. He's in the burns unit. They are being treated for gunshot wounds," hospital spokesman Gary Knight said.

Four of those hurt were discharged with minor injuries. Five others were in a serious condition. Nine were stable, including two Canadians.

Police, following strict Australian legal procedure, have refused to name the gunman until he is formally charged with mass murder in court, probably today or tomorrow. If convicted he faces a maximum sentence of life in prison. There is no death sentence in Australia.

Assistant Police Commissioner Richard McCreadie described the massacre as "tragic and catastrophic." He said the dead ranged in age from 3 to 72 years.

About 100 reporters were bused through the area by police soon after the arrest.

Bloodied blankets marked the spots where victims were killed. Pools and trickles of blood on road pavement and shattered glass from shot-out car windows were testament to the indiscriminate brutality of the slayings.

The greatest horror was at Broad Arrow Cafe which sits in a tranquil waterside setting. The adjacent ruins are framed by lush grass and golden oak trees, planted by convicts last century when the prison was regarded as one of the harshest in the British Empire.

Police officer in charge of the scene, Superintendent Jack Johnston, said the diner resembled a war zone. Many of the dead clearly did not have any warning of the hail of bullets.

"Their meals were still on the table. Blood was everywhere," a clearly shaken Johnston said. Some were found with forks raised to their mouths.

Clinton testifies on Whitewater behind closed doors

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Bill Clinton has testified behind closed doors for 41 1/2 hours as a defense witness in the trial of two of his partners in the failed Whitewater real estate deal, the White House said.

Clinton, who is not accused of any wrongdoing, recorded his testimony on videotape at the White House for viewing later in the trial of James and Susan McDougal, who are charged with bank fraud and conspiracy.

The White House said in a statement the deposition lasted four hours and 23 minutes, starting at 1:15 p.m. and ending at 5:38 p.m. with four 15-minute breaks. Originally, an official said it had begun three minutes earlier.

US District Judge George Howard, who presided over the deposition on a video link from Little Rock, Arkansas, ordered all of the participants in Sunday's deposition not to discuss Clinton's testimony until it is released in court.

Attorney Sam Heuer, who represents James McDougal and will present Clinton's testimony at the Little Rock trial, said he will not play the videotape for the jury for at least a week.

Although a transcript is likely to be made public after the testimony is released in court, the White House does not want to allow unrestricted access to the videotape, in part to prevent its "misuse" by the president's political enemies.

The White House said the defense lawyers, who subpoenaed Clinton, questioned him for approximately 45 minutes, implying much of the session was taken up by the government lawyers from the office of independent counsel Kenneth Starr, which is investigating possible wrongdoing in the Whitewater affair.

Clinton sat in the middle of the White House Map Room, where Franklin Delano Roosevelt was briefed daily on the Second World War, facing the camera as he testified. The prosecutors sat at a table to his right and the defense lawyers to his left.

James and Susan McDougal attended Clinton's deposition. "We're very pleased with the testimony given by the president," said Bobby McDaniel, an attorney for Susan McDougal. "He responded directly to all questions asked, and I think it will be forceful testimony."

Diapers 96

BELLEVUE — After Windows 95, its Diapers 96 for Microsoft chairman Bill Gates.

His new title: Dad.

Melinda French Gates gave birth to the weekend to a girl at Overlake Hospital. The baby's name is Jennifer Katharine, and mother and daughter were reported doing well.

"They're home," company spokesman Dean Katz said yesterday. "Everybody's fine."

It's the first child for the couple, who married in a private ceremony on New Year's Day, 1994, on the Hawaiian island of Lanai.

The couple met at a Microsoft dinner in New York and dated on and off for five years before becoming engaged in 1993.

Gates, head of the world's leading computer-software company, is one of the world's richest men. *Forbes Magazine* late last year estimated his wealth at \$14.8 billion. (Agencies)

NATO troops stop Serb-Moslem clashes

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IGNORING a NATO escort and freedom of movement guarantees, Serbs hurled stones at Moslems attempting to visit homes they were forced out of at the start of the war.

About a dozen people were injured and several buses were damaged by stones and sticks wielded by the Serbs. Maj. Gray Vines, a spokesman for the NATO-led peace force, said the French escorts of the Moslem convoy tried to calm down the Serbs but did not intervene when they attacked.

After razing the gauntlet of angry Serbs just outside Sarajevo, the convoy managed to make it just to the north of Trnovo, 30 km to the south, before being stopped by another demonstration of about 200 Serbs. The Moslems subsequently turned back.

NATO is keen to limit its role in Bosnia and is reluctant to embrace new tasks not specifically assigned to it by the Dayton peace accords.

But faced with the threat of ethnic violence between the refugees and those who drove them out in the first place, it has begun providing armed escorts, crowd control and other police work it originally rejected.

Most military agreements

enforced by NATO have been respected because all sides fear NATO's weaponry. But Serbs, Croats and Moslems often ignore other provisions of the peace pact, such as freedom of movement, that do not carry the threat of NATO retaliation.

NATO got involved after several confrontations between people returning and those trying to keep them out turned violent.

Yet even the presence of French troops with the NATO-led force, some of them in six light tanks, escorting the seven buses, dozens of cars and three vans with some 500 Moslems did not prevent yesterday's stoning attack.

The Trnovo trip was one of two planned yesterday for refugees wanting to visit their homes, said Mans Nyberg, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

The UNHCR could confirm success for only one of 12 similar trips scheduled for Sunday, which also reflected continuing limitations on freedom of movement because of simmering ethnic hatreds.

Trnovo, about 30 km southwest of Sarajevo, changed hands three times during the Bosnian war and finally ended up under Serb control.

South Africans seek compromise before strike

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — Compromise over sticking points in South Africa's new constitution was at hand yesterday but may have come too late to avert a one-day strike which could further damage investor confidence and hit the battered rand.

Negotiators for the parties were huddling in Cape Town for what could be a breakthrough in horse-trading on the draft bill of rights for the post-apartheid era.

Constitutional Assembly chairman Cyril Ramaphosa said after lengthy talks in Pretoria in Sunday he was confident they would be able to reach full agreement on all outstanding issues.

But union representatives, who held talks with President Nelson Mandela and business leaders in

Pretoria on Sunday, said their planned strike today over a controversial "lock-out clause" in the constitution was still going ahead.

South Africa has been operating on an interim constitution under a government of national unity formed after the country's first democratic elections two years ago. The new charter must be adopted by May 10 or become the subject of a referendum.

The constitution will enshrine the worker's right to strike.

Business says that should be balanced by an employer's right to lock out staff in a labour dispute, but the country's largest union federation, Cosatu, is adamantly opposed to this.

The union says it expects solid support from its 1.6 million mem-

bers, hitting public transport, construction, public services, telecommunications and a range of other industries.

The ANC and Cosatu were close allies during the anti-apartheid struggle and Cosatu leaders were elected to parliament on the ANC ticket.

The rand brightened briefly in early trading yesterday at 4.30 to the dollar, but weakened towards noon to 4.36 with dealers saying the market was still waiting for clearer signals from government on the direction of economic policy.

Shares on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange were also weak with dealers saying the strike threat was weighing heavily on the market. The overall index was down 92.5 points at noon to 6,954.5.

Mandela's ruling African National Congress, after first backing the strike call, was piling on the pressure yesterday to persuade Cosatu leader Sam Shilowa to call off the action.

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Campaign rules

THE election campaign is upon us, and it may be safely assumed that between now and May 29 none of the candidates will be mistaken for a contestant at a British debating society soiree. Yet despite the vulgarity of language and poverty of argument which characterize election campaigns, Israelis have a right to expect that certain rules will be scrupulously observed.

One such rule is that the patriotism and loyalty of mainstream candidates must not be questioned. Government supporters were justly outraged by the shouts of "Rabin is a traitor" in right-wing demonstrations before the late prime minister was assassinated. And their complaints that Likud leaders did not try hard enough to suppress and disavow such obscenities were eminently reasonable.

But it is one thing to have hotheads on the fringe of the political spectrum yelling unacceptable slogans, and quite another for party leaders to impugn the national motives of their opposition. Even as hooligans at demonstrations (egged on, as we now know, by agents provocateurs) were accusing the government of treason, Labor officials were charging that opposition leaders were Hamas collaborators.

Presumably, this charge did not intend to imply that there was active cooperation between Likud and Islamic fanatics, only a commonality of interest in the destruction of the Oslo process. But such reckless charges do not always receive benign interpretations. Yasser Arafat gleefully extrapolates them to "prove" his contention that Israel's right wing collaborates with Islamic fanatics in the massacre of Israelis.

He has woven a fantasy, which he tirelessly repeats, about a group of Israeli army officers he calls the Israeli OAS (after the French rightists who opposed the withdrawal from Algeria) that provides logistic and financial help to the Islamic terrorists. Only last week he repeated the charge yet again: "We have clues that some of the recent [terrorist] operations in Israel were

carried out in cooperation with the OAS in Israel." When Foreign Minister Ehud Barak first heard this charge, he was so offended and disgusted that he dismissed it out of hand, refusing to dignify it with a reply. But now Barak himself has stooped to inferring that Hizbullah and Iran have a goal they share with the Likud. On a radio program on Friday he said that the only reason Hizbullah fired Katyushas on the Galilee was that the Iranians wanted the Likud to win the elections.

Such charges are so absurd that one must wonder how a presumably responsible leader can utter them. Barak himself presided over Operation Accountability, which was launched in response to Katyusha bombardments of the Galilee. That was in 1993, when the election was more than three years in the future. Following his logic, if Hizbullah now observes the cease-fire it must mean that Teheran now wants Labor to win the elections.

Almost as regrettable as Barak's plunge into this McCarthyite mire are the shameless displays of partiality by reporters, particularly on television. Presenting what was supposed to be a straight report on the major parties' campaign songs, Channel 2 reporter Gadi Sukenik on Sunday night introduced the Likud's jingle with, "This is the tune with which the Likud propagandists will try to wash our brains." Such sarcasm and cynicism could perhaps be acceptable if other parties were treated similarly. But Sukenik's attitude regarding Labor's campaign efforts on the same program bordered on the reverential.

It may be unfair to expect Israeli reporters to be completely devoid of prejudices. Political involvement in this country is all-consuming, and some reporters do not seem to possess the professional skills which would enable them to conceal their preferences. But unless the campaign is reported with a semblance of fairness, it will be difficult to view it as a manifestation of democracy in action.

Dragon and bear

THE relationship between Russia and China is somewhat enigmatic to Westerners. But President Boris Yeltsin's successful visit to the mighty giant of Asia indicates that this is a relationship well worth watching.

Yeltsin enthusiastically proclaimed in public in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing that he could think of no single question on which the two states differ. The leaders signed 14 new agreements, including the setting up of a hotline between the capitals, and promised to look into troop reductions along their 4,300-km. border.

Since this is election time in Russia, Yeltsin did not lose the opportunity to take some thinly veiled swipes at the United States, without naming it directly. The nub of the message was: Washington, mind your own business and don't think you are the only superpower in the post-Cold War world. This could be attributed to typical Yeltsin ebullience in a haze of freely-flowing champagne, or it could be seen as biting the hand that has been generously feeding Russia since its economy and world status collapsed along with the Soviet communist monolith.

There is no doubt the new Russia-China agreements mark a turning point in the cool atmosphere since the Sino-Soviet alliance collapsed in the 1960s. But so far, there is no indication their significance deserves exaggeration. Moscow and Beijing stopped short of forging a new strategic alliance, and it is obvious that 30 years of mutual suspicion and rivalry is not going to evaporate overnight. Nor could the Russians hide their failure to achieve

some concession on Moscow's pet hope of persuading the Chinese to halt nuclear testing and join international moves towards a comprehensive test ban treaty.

Since Russia has successfully adopted democracy while floundering economically, and China has a booming economy but is democratically retarded, it would appear the two countries have much to learn from one another. Unfortunately, it appeared the traffic was mostly one-way. Yeltsin was enthralled by some of China's success stories, including Shanghai's economic development zone, and he interrogated that city's mayor intensely on details of his reform measures. But while Yeltsin was keen to gather as many hints and ideas as possible from the successful Chinese entrepreneurs, he was not pestered by too many questions from his hosts on the mechanisms of setting up nationwide democracy.

There the common ground between the two powers out. If Russia can add economic success to its developing democracy, it will be far ahead of China, whose economic progress could vanish overnight if popular demand for democracy again becomes unmanageable. In a telling sharp remark about his critics at home, Yeltsin declared "our Communists are fanatics. But here (in China) they are pragmatists." Yeltsin was only partly right - Communists out of power are called fanatics. Once in power, as in China, they call themselves pragmatists. But they remain Communists unwilling to admit their day is gone.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIKUD COVENANT

Sir, - In his letter of April 12 in connection with Binyamin Netanyahu's recent visit to Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan, David Rubinger asks someone to "enlighten him at which convention the Likud (or Herut for that matter) amended its covenant ("The Jordan has two banks and both are ours"). As one of the four-member delegation of the Liberal Party who, together with four representatives of Herut, formulated the foundation agreement of Gahal, signed on April 26, 1965, I will try to "enlighten" Mr. Rubinger.

The preamble consists of two sentences only:
1. The Herut movement and the

Liberal Party decided to establish a Parliamentary bloc in order to replace the existing regime with a National Liberal regime.
2. The Herut movement will continue to carry on the principle of Whole Eretz Israel...

In the covenant of the Likud signed August 7, 1988 (bearing also my signature), there is no mention of "The Jordan has two banks and both are ours."

More details and relevant documents can be found in my book in Hebrew, *Twixt Partiamenu Gavel and Party Aviv*.

ZVI H. ZIMMERMAN
Former Knesset Deputy Speaker
Haifa.

QUOTES

Sir, - In support of his thesis that peace eludes those who pursue it as a primary objective ("Reversal of priorities," April 19), Dore Gold quotes passages from Henry Kissinger's writings.

The former secretary of state's versatile mind and voluminous writings are an inexhaustible source for quotations offering all things to all men.

In connection with operation "Grapes of Wrath," your readers may be interested in Kissinger's telegram of October 23, 1972, to General Haig visiting Saigon: "Enormous tragedies have also been produced by the inability of military people to recognize when the time of settlement had arrived."

(White House Years)
GIDEON RAFAEL
Jerusalem.

HYPOCRISY

Sir, - In your second editorial of April 8, you condemn loans to states which support "totalitarian regimes" especially by sales of weapons. I fully agree, but what about the record of Israel in such sales to "totalitarian regimes"? Israel now sells weapons to the tune of about \$2.5 billion per annum to China. The Chinese tanks which smashed, some years ago, the demonstrators for democracy on the Square of Heavenly Peace were renovated by Israel. What about Argentina of the

colons? And the Chilean dictatorial regime? Israel supplied them with weapons. Guatemala, which murdered about 250,000 of its own people with weapons supplied by Israel and refused by the American Congress, was a "totalitarian regime." No editorial word of all that.

Condemning, however justly, the Russian weapons sales to Iran while condoning Israeli weapons sales to China is an act of hypocrisy.
ISRAEL SHAHAK
Jerusalem.

GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS!



OLEG 96

Friend & foe

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

BILL Clinton has been around the world in nine days, principally to boost two presidential campaigns: that of Boris Yeltsin, on whom Clinton lavished praise and presence in Moscow; and that of Bill Clinton, for whom acting the part of world leader is video fodder for this fall's campaign commercials.

Even the side trip sending Secretary of State Christopher to the Middle East to broker a truce between Israel and Hizbullah was meant to shore up a political campaign: that of Prime Minister Peres, who may lose next month's Israeli election unless he can show something for the current fighting in Lebanon.

Motive is motive, but what ultimately counts in foreign policy is result. And even the severest critic of the Clinton foreign policy is bound to concede that on one stop of this world tour Clinton achieved a major success.

In Tokyo, he got Japan to agree for the first time to transfer military supplies to US forces during peacetime, and to study possible military cooperation with the US during crisis.

Now that may seem like diplomatic pabulum, but it is not. It is a clear signal to the rest of Asia, and particularly to China, that Japan is finally prepared to consider joining the US in military action in the Pacific.

This is big news. The US did not conquer Japan and rebuild it in its image in order to enjoy its fine line of video appliances. It did so because Japan had demonstrated in (and before) World War II a certain, shall we say, military talent. The US wanted that talent tamed and placed in its corner.

For 50 years, it has indeed been there, but neutralized. Japan's quietude was written into its constitution by Gen. MacArthur. Fifty years later, quietude will not do.

Japan is strong, China is rising, and America, though strongest, is tired. Tired particularly of going it alone. In wars in Korea and Vietnam, it was virtually alone. It carried the fight - with some smaller allies, yes, but not with Japan.

No more. With the Cold War won, Americans have grown understandably weary of carrying the burden of policing the world.

Even though the US is militarily capable of confronting alone any aggressor in Asia, psychologically it is not. If Japan were to sit out a conflict over, say, Taiwan, it is hard to see how any future president could muster the domestic support necessary to see it through.

THAT IS why the April 18 joint declaration in Tokyo is so important. Its significance was certainly not lost on China, at whom this renewed US-Japan alliance is tacitly aimed.

China protested immediately. Indeed, the vigorosity of its protests confirms the significance of Japan's historic turn toward active military cooperation with the US.

Less historic but equally welcome was the turn in Clinton. After three years of treating Japan as an economic predator and virtual enemy, the administration finally got it right. Japan is a friend. If there is a potential enemy in the region, it is China.

It took a while for the administration to wake up to this elementary reality. China's double-digit economic growth rate at the service of a ruthless, highly nationalistic dictatorship raised few alarms in the US. Nor did its 1994 island-grabbing in the South China Sea (islands claimed by five other countries). Nor did its export of nuclear and chemical weapons technology to Pakistan and Iran.

What seems to have done it was China's flagrant military threats against Taiwan last month. Live-fire military exercises, missile firings and a partial naval blockade are hard to brush off. Having been hit between the eyes with a two-by-four, the administration appears to have realized how disastrous its policy of supine engagement with China and confrontation with Japan has been. Hence the turn.

Was Clinton's making nice with the Japanese merely an election-year tactic? Only Clinton knows. But if he continues the turn, history will note his trip to Tokyo as a momentous beginning.

The new Japan policy sorts out friends and adversaries. It begins to enlist Japan as partner - junior, but finally partner - with the US in policing the Pacific. Most important of all, it lays the foundation for facing the great challenge of the 21st century: containing China.

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Merciful to the cruel

DOV HIKIND

ISRAEL'S misguided decision permitting entry to fugitive terrorist Mohammed Abbas (Abu Abbas) to attend the recent Palestine National Council meeting in Gaza created a dangerous precedent.

It undermined much of what Jewish organizations worldwide have fought to achieve since the creation of the State of Israel.

The message plainly conveyed by granting this brutal murderer safe passage across Israel's borders is that the rule of law may be ignored when politically expedient.

This tragic decision will return to haunt Israelis and Diaspora Jews alike.

In the hours following Italy's 1985 announcement that it had permitted Abu Abbas, mastermind of the *Achille Lauro* hijacking, to evade arrest by fleeing to Yugoslavia, responsible nations across the globe joined in denouncing Italy's disregard for its obligations to the international community. Then-prime minister Shimon Peres said: "This is a terrible event. [Abu Abbas] an innocent person was killed by an organized group of killers because he had a Jewish-sounding name. It is unforgettable and unpardonable, and we shall remember it."

In a face-saving act, Italy eventually tried Abbas and convicted him in absentia. Although there was little chance he would be captured, the Italian court sought to undo some of the damage by sentencing Abbas to life imprisonment.

The US repeatedly vowed: Abbas would eventually be punished for the cruel murder of wheelchair-bound Leon Klinghoffer. The Justice Department offered a \$250,000 reward for his capture.

When Abbas appeared at the 1991 PNC meeting in Algeria, the US condemned Algeria for permitting a wanted terrorist to avoid prosecution. Abbas's every public appearance was properly met with

the civilized world's outrage and castigation. Recently, President Clinton designated Abbas a terrorist whose violence imperils the Middle East peace process and poses a threat to American national security and foreign policy.

Israel's decision to forget the unforgettable and pardon the unpardonable and welcome Abu Abbas into Gaza seems just the latest in a steady retreat from its ethical stability, and a regrettable surrender to desperation and election politics.

No apology by Abbas nor public display of contrition should permit this malicious killer to escape punishment for Klinghoffer's murder. There is no statute of limitations on the killing of an innocent, defenseless Jew.

THOSE OF us who love the Jewish state and have always been proud of its achievements cannot help but feel betrayed and disillusioned. Until now, Jews throughout the world have taken pride and comfort in the knowledge that Israel was a vigilant watchman, a defender and protector of Jewish safety. Until now the House of Israel has been united on one principle: that no act of antisemitic hatred should ever again go unaddressed.

To permit the leader of one of the world's most notorious terrorist factions to become a guest of the Jewish state is tantamount to serving notice that those who plot and have plotted to kill our brethren need no longer fear reprisal for ter-

rorism against Jews. Make no mistake, from Argentina to Istanbul, from Brooklyn to Beersheba, the cost of attacking a Jew just became a little cheaper.

How dare we demand the arrest and trial of Nazis who persecuted Jews half a century ago when we no longer have the fortitude to place on trial those who killed our coreligionist a little over a decade ago? What moral law permits us to shell terrorists across our frontiers when we permit others to attend meetings inside our boundaries? How do we insist Syria, Iraq, Libya and Algeria be labeled terrorist-sponsoring states when Israel itself offers terrorists safe passage and hospitality?

Under Article 13(b)(2) of Israel's Criminal Code, Israeli courts have the jurisdiction to arrest and prosecute any individual who kills a Jew anywhere in the world if his motivation was antisemitic. The Knesset legislated this statute with terrorists like Abbas in mind.

Now, when the opportunity arises to bring this despised antisemite to justice, the challenge goes unanswered.

If Israel has lost the will to prosecute the murderers of our brethren, and if Attorney-General Ben-Yair sees no public interest in bringing Abbas to justice, it should at least permit others to carry out the task.

Abu Abbas should be arrested and extradited to the US, where a US court can determine the cost of killing an innocent human being. Otherwise he should be extradited to Italy, providing it can be established that Italy will act responsibly.

So far, aside from allowing Abbas to flee, Italy has granted weekend passes to the other *Achille Lauro* hijackers and killers, during which they simply never bothered to return to prison.

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Light touch with terrorists

SI FRUMKIN

I love the Italians - such a happy people, with a lifestyle so different from ours. It was particularly well portrayed in a movie from years ago called *Love Italian Style*.

How about another movie called *Prison Italian Style*? I don't know if it would be a comedy or a tragedy - probably a bit of both.

It would be based on a bizarre story you might think had been made up by some zonked, out-of-work scriptwriter. But it is quite true. It was reported not by the *National Enquirer*, but by the newspaper of record, the staid and respected *New York Times*.

The tragic part of the story is its opening. In 1985, on the cruise ship *Achille Lauro*. The ship was hijacked in the Mediterranean by four Palestinian terrorists who terrorized the passengers and crew, killing Leon Klinghoffer, an elderly Jewish tourist from New York. He was shot in cold blood, then pushed overboard in his wheelchair while his wife watched. The murderers escaped in an Egyptian passenger jet that was intercepted by US warplanes and forced to land in Sicily.

Others also "happened" to be on the plane, including Mohammed Abbas, mastermind of the hijacking and head of a militant PLO faction, organizing and directing its worldwide terror campaign.

Abbas was arrested by the Italians who later decided, in their inimitable style, to release him. They never gave their reasons.

One is pretty obvious: Libya sells natural gas and oil to Italy, and it would have been unkind, un-Italian almost, to hurt Mu'ammarr Gaddafi's feelings. Who knows - he might have refused to continue doing business with the Italians, and that would surely have cramped their

lifestyle.

The four *Achille Lauro* terrorists were tried in 1986. One, Magid el-Molqi, confessed that he had selected Klinghoffer, shot him, then pushed him overboard. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Bassam el-Ashker got 16 years, and Ahmed Maruf el-Assadi 15. I don't know the name or sentence

of the fourth murderer. We might learn it when he does what the other three did: escape.

HOW DID they do it? Dig a tunnel? Climb over a wall? Hold up the guards with a gun carved out of soap? They didn't need any of that.

The Italians aren't a cruel people. They wouldn't dream of confining their prisoners, even convicted murderers, for too long inside the walls of a prison where they might fall prey to boredom. So prisoners are allowed extended leaves as long as they promise, on their honor, to come back.

Thus in 1991 el-Assadi left the prison on leave. He never came back to serve out his remaining 10 years, and his whereabouts are unknown.

The prison authorities decided that holding a grudge wasn't an

Italian thing to do. So that same year, el-Ashker was permitted to go on leave under the supervision of Italian Red Cross officials.

Imagine their chagrin when he too disappeared! On the other hand, who can blame him? Perhaps he was sick of prison food, and the movie selection on prison TV was probably awful.

Then el-Molqi went missing as well. He should have returned to prison on February 28 after a 12-day leave to stay with volunteers of a Catholic aid agency in Rome, and near Florence.

Can you imagine the embarrassment this caused? The prison chaplain, the Rev. Alessandro Spriano, was quite flabbergasted by el-Molqi's disappearance, since he had enjoyed the trust of prison officials and been granted leave on five previous occasions.

On March 21 el-Molqi was retaken into custody in Spain thanks to information from the Italian police. Clearly even Italian understanding has its limits.

The fourth terrorist is probably still in jail, and if he isn't prison officials may simply be assuming that he had good reason to overstay his leave and will be back any month now.

On the other hand, maybe he's enjoying his daily spaghetti marinara and the videos in the prison library. After all, he knows he can get leave any time he wants.

Finally, a quote from the same *Times* article:

"Last month, the *Middle East Economic Survey*, a trade publication, reported that Italy's principal energy company, AGIP, was on the verge of concluding major accords to expand Libyan deliveries of natural gas to Italy."

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AMERICAN OUTLOOK

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Freedom to marry is a fundamental right

BY ANDREW SULLIVAN

In 1959, a liberal journal of opinion published an essay on racial matters that created quite a stir. The editors of the magazine were outraged by the article, delayed it for a year and only agreed to publish it alongside lengthy rebuttals from its staff. In the following issues, the controversy spiraled. The editors, however, defended their decision forthrightly: "We publish it not because we agree with it," they wrote of the piece, "but because we believe in freedom of expression even for views that seem to us to be entirely mistaken... we feel it is a service to allow this opinion, and the rebuttals to it, now to be aired freely." The magazine was *Dissent*. The author of the offending article was Hannah Arendt.

I'm glad someone published the exchange, because, all these years later, it makes for riveting reading. The article's core contention is that the freedom to marry whomever one wants is one of the most fundamental political rights a liberal society offers. It is not a detour from civil rights, not a special right, not an attempt to revolutionize society, but the bedrock of civil equality. Without it, the equal protection of the law is a sham. Take it away, Hannah:

"The right to marry whoever one wishes is an elementary human right compared to which the right to attend an integrated school, the right to sit where one pleases on a bus, the right to go into any hotel or recreation area or place of amusement, regardless of one's skin color or race are minor indeed. Even political rights, like the right to vote, and nearly all other rights enumerated in the Constitution, are secondary to the inalienable human rights to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence; and to this category the right to home and marriage unquestionably belongs."

Arendt was as politically incorrect in her day as she would be in ours, but her muscular liberalism contains a wisdom that still, I think, has resonance for both race and emotional orientation. Her point is that liberalism's pursuit of equality should end in the public sphere. If it meddles in the "social sphere," it destroys both itself and the freedoms it was designed to protect. And what she meant by the social sphere is even broader than what many conservatives defend today. Arendt argued that parents should not be forced to send their children to an integrated public school if they didn't want to. She clearly would have opposed laws against workplace discrimination. And heaven knows what she would have made of affirmative action.

But, as a true liberal, she believed in the right to marry. It's a strange paradox this, and one worth reiterating. Marriage is a formal, public institution that only the government can grant; and yet it is also the most intimate and private of things, its meaning separate for each couple, its power a function of all those things — passion, jealousy, love, fidelity — that the cold, liberal state can never fully evoke. As such, it does what so few other things can: transform the private world by a public act. It is the intersection of the citizen and the person; the place where our public duties meet our deepest emotional needs.

So when this institution cut through the barrier of race, none of Arendt's precious liberalism was compromised, but the world changed. It changed without infringing on anyone's liberties, without spending anyone's money and without setting up any government program. And yet it's arguable that this simple act did more to proclaim our racial equality — and deepen our racial dialogue — than any other measure this century. Along with full voting rights and military integration, it was primarily a cold, public act. But unlike both of them, it also touched the human heart. It made the most important day in most people's lives a celebration not simply of love and family, but of country and civil equality.

That is why it is so central to homosexual equality. Homosexuality, at its core, is about the emotional connection between two adult human beings. And what public institution is more central — more definitive — of that connection than marriage? The denial of marriage to gay people is therefore not a minor issue. It is the entire issue. It is the most profound statement our society can make that homosexual love is simply not as good as heterosexual love; that gay lives and commitments and hopes are simply worth less. It cuts gay people off not merely from civic respect, but from the rituals and history of their own families and friends. It erases them not merely as citizens, but as human beings.

The civil rights movement helped melt the interracial taboo. The process of integration — like today's process of "coming out" — introduced the minority to the majority, and humanized them. Slowly, white people came to look at interracial couples and see love rather than sex, stability rather than breakdown. And black people came to see interracial couples not as a threat to their identity, but as a symbol of their humanity behind the falsifying carapace of race.

It could happen again. But it is not inevitable; and it won't happen by itself. And, maybe sooner rather than later, the people who insist upon the centrality of gay marriage to every American's equality will come to seem less marginal, or troubling, or "cultural," or bent on ghettoizing themselves. They will seem merely like people who have been allowed to see the possibility of a larger human dignity and who cannot wait to achieve it. For better or worse. For richer or poorer.

In sickness and in health.

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Stay or go?

Buchanan asks voters to make decision

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Starting today, Pat Buchanan is mailing a letter to 140,000 supporters asking a question that strikes terror in the hearts of regular Republicans: "...Do we step out, now, and build a new institution, a Third Party, as the vehicle of our cause?"

Buchanan's mailing includes a return letter offering four options: 1) "end our campaign now" and endorse Sen. Bob Dole, the prospective Republican nominee; 2) "don't endorse" until the GOP national convention in San Diego but stick with the party; 3) "keep all options open" and decide at San Diego; 4) "time to bid farewell to the Republican Party, and go Third Party, now!"

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The fourth option is the only one concluded with an exclamation point. But Buchanan is not rigging his questionnaire. He is torn about what course to take. Until recently, he averred he never would stand in Dole's way against President Clinton. But the nastiness of Dole's campaign has left him in a quandary: Stay or go? He sees himself as a serious candidate in 2000, but will it be as a Republican or as an independent?

TROUBLE AHEAD

Here is serious trouble for the Grand Old Party, but Dole strategists are not focusing on the Buchanan problem. Behind this attitude is arrogant contempt for the columnist-commentator.

The "let Pat walk!" advice from neo-conservative journalists and old-line patrician Republicans appeals to Dole's inner circle.

But writing off the Buchanan vote does seem irrational. Even with the nomination safely in Dole's hands, Buchanan won 34 percent in Wisconsin and Michigan-states where blue-collar Democrats could vote in the GOP primary. What's more, on many key issues, Buchanan is closer than Dole to rank-and-file party support.

For the first time in a life of inherited Republicanism, Buchanan wonders where his party is going. He has been hurt by intense hostility from pillars of the GOP. Nationwide, I have been accosted by Republican dowagers who shrink in fear from "Buchananism."

After brooding for weeks about what to do, Buchanan was urged by supporters to revive his campaign in Pennsylvania leading up to that state's presidential primary. But that would have meant attacking nominee-designate Dole in stump speeches. Meeting with his closest advisers at his suburban Virginia home last week, Buchanan decided not to go that route.

Instead, he personally wrote his three-page letter. Mailed Thursday to his top organizers, it will be sent to the rest of the 140,000 next week. After recounting how the "mask of civility quickly dropped from the face of the Republican establishment" after his New Hampshire primary victory, he notes that supporters are divided over whether the Republican Party "is a hopeless vehicle for our cause" or whether he is "gaining ground inside the party."

PROMOTIONS

The decision to stay or go, he adds, hinges on which course will promote his positions. Though ignored by Republican leaders, these positions resonate with 474 registered Republicans around the country asked March 15-17 by the CNN/USA Today poll what they think of Buchanan's platform issues. The only one they opposed was the only one on which he and Dole agree: a constitutional amendment to bar abortion. These Republican voters support Buchanan

on raising tariffs, suspending legal immigration, cutting foreign aid across the board, prohibiting U.S. military forces from serving under United Nations command, establishing term limits for federal judges and withdrawing U.S. troops from Bosnia.

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Should somebody with these views speak in the convention hall or out in the parking lot at San Diego? "If he speaks," Republican National Chairman Haley Barbour told me, "I would want him speaking in the convention hall." Dole strategists have not decided which venue poses the greatest threat.

DILEMMA

Buchanan has his own dilemma. He knows that if Clinton wins a second term, he must have endorsed Dole to have any chance for the 2000 nomination. But Buchanan also perceives a great need for a conservatively populist third party that he knows would help re-elect Clinton. He now offers that choice to 140,000 supporters.

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SUNDAY COMICS

Doonesbury

G.B. TRUDEAU

1 I GOTTA START GETTING THIS UP OUT OF MY HEAD.

2 HONK! I'VE GOTTA GO TO SCHOOL!

3 I DON'T THINK IT'S HEALTHY FOR YOU TO BE SITTING AROUND THE HOUSE ALL DAY LONG. YOU SHOULD BE WORKING.

4 I DON'T THINK I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR FUTURE...

5 GAIL, I DON'T THINK YOU'RE WORKING.

6 DAD?

7 GET HELP!

8 WHAT'S UP? I DON'T KNOW ANYONE HERE!

PEANUTS

by Schulz

FOR A DIME?

A DIME?

OKAY, I WROTE DOWN A NAME. NOW YOU WRITE DOWN A NAME. DON'T LET ME SEE IT.

THIS IS FOR A DIME...

BONK!

I WIN! I WROTE DOWN "LUCY"!

SO DID I. IT WAS A TIE!

STUP

By Jeff Meyers

I NEVER QUITE SEEM TO MAKE IT.

LAST YEAR I ALMOST GOT A NOVEL PUBLISHED.

THEN I FINALLY SOLD A STORY TO A MAGAZINE AND IT GOES BELL UP.

AND LAST WEEK I WON ONE DIRT OUT OF THE LOTTERY JACKPOT.

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY MY LIFE IS A SERIES OF MILD MISHAPS.

YEAH, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.

MINE'S BEEN MOSTLY NEAR ZERO.

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson

WE'VE GOT A BABY SITTER TONIGHT.

READY? READY?

CALVIN, THE BABY SITTER IS HERE! WE'RE GOING! BE GOOD, OK?

HI THERE YOU MUST BE CALVIN.

YOU'RE NOT MY MOM, SO I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING YOU SAY. I'M GOING TO DO WHATEVER I FEEL LIKE. SO JUST STAY OUT OF THE WAY.

CALVIN, TAKE A LOOK BY THE TELEPHONE AND TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE.

A NOTE MOM LEFT WITH EMERGENCY NUMBERS.

RIGHT, NOW YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO HAVE TO CALL ANY OF THOSE NUMBERS, WOULD YOU?

WELL, IT MUST BE 6:30. GUESS I'LL TURN IN.

FOR EIGHT BUCKS A NIGHT, I DON'T PUT UP WITH MUCH.



I'M SORRY DAD, I SORTA SQUANDERED IT.

SORRY, DON'T CUT IT, KID, YOU GOTTA LEARN TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

DAD, CAN I HAVE 50¢ FOR THE MOVIE?

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR ALLOWANCE?

I GUESS THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING.

WHO SAYS SUNDAY SCHOOL DOESN'T PAY OFF?

HONEY, I SHRUNK THE ANTS

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

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- 21 Actress Garr
- 22 Bovine animals
- 23 Piano composition
- 24 Land deal of 1803
- 27 Rice dish
- 28 Actor Bruce —
- 29 B&O and L&N
- 30 Inertia
- 31 Everlasting
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- 35 Military chaplain
- 37 Supery outfit
- 38 Computer term
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- 42 Mountain ridge
- 44 Type of machine
- 46 In what way?
- 49 Took as one's own
- 51 Actress Marnie Van —
- 52 Andy's partner
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- 58 Designer Caschi
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- 60 Actor Jimmy —
- 62 Large sandwich
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- 70 Corn unit
- 71 — Taylor of "The Nanny"
- 72 Destiny
- 74 Warning
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- 2 Latin ingredient
- 3 Disparaging remark
- 4 Fish net
- 5 USNA grad
- 6 Began
- 7 Uplight
- 8 Historic period
- 9 — palm
- 10 Fleetwood —
- 11 Additional
- 12 Utah or Maine
- 13 Or — threat
- 14 Prophet
- 15 Meal
- 16 Practical
- 17 Ponder
- 18 Singer Anita —
- 19 Golden off.
- 22 Invert
- 25 Laundry worker
- 26 — hand: advantage
- 32 Coward's land
- 34 Law role
- 35 — X-scoping
- 38 Having branches
- 39 Texas city
- 40 Name
- 42 Think highly of
- 43 Course
- 44 Clever
- 45 Corporate symbol
- 46 Wedlock
- 47 Egg dish
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- 52 Sporty pilot
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- 57 "Oh, give me —"
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The new Newt turns away from the right

BY DAVID GRANN

Last month, after outraged moderates cornered him over a harsh anti-regulatory bill, Newt Gingrich bowed to their pleas and yanked it off the floor. A few days later a different group, this time angry hard-core freshmen, surrounded Majority Leader Dick Armey in his office. Fed up with the Speaker's bleeding-heart betrayals, they sought a new commander for the revolution. "The truth is," freshman Rep. Steve Largent said later, "Newt is no longer the polar right."

The incidents underscore one of the strangest turnabouts on Capitol Hill: Newt Gingrich, the man who led the 73 freshmen into battle only a year ago, and is still regarded as an extremist by much of the public, has emerged as a hero of moderate Republicans and the bane of hard-line conservatives. "Since he became Speaker, Newt has become hostage of a few moderates, at the expense of the rest of the conference," snapped one angry GOPer. Hard-core freshmen, who once hung on the Speaker's every word, now dismiss his fiery rhetoric as just that — rhetoric. "He says things to the right of me," complained freshman class vice president Mark Souder, "but then moves halfway around the world."

Moderates like where Gingrich has ended up. The former bomb thrower has embraced Bob Dole, a man he once denounced as the tax collector for the welfare state; forced his unruly freshmen to reopen the federal government; supported the pro-choice General Colin Powell as a possible Republican vice president; defended freedom of expression in cyberspace; fought to save endangered species; flirted with a budget deal with President Clinton; and opposed gutting affirmative action.

Behind these seemingly mainstream stances is the Speaker's peculiar "progressive" conservatism — an amalgam of free-market principles, states' rights and technological utopianism. While Gingrich looks optimistically to the future, many social conservatives pine for the past. The two sides have increasingly clashed, most notably on censoring the Internet. "Newt thought conservatives were spitting against the wind of history," says Souder. "But at least I could say I went down spitting."

As campaign '96 rolls around, Democrats are gleefully fanning Newt's militant public image. But in their more reflective moments, even they admit that he is less ideologically dri-

ven than many in his party. "He never was a true conservative," says Representative Neil Abernethy, a long-haired liberal from Hawaii. "I don't know why people ever got that idea. They confused opposition with conservatism, and ambition with conservatism."

Most of Gingrich's moderate positions are rooted in a realpolitik that transcends ideology. "Newt is a conservative driven by conservative principles," says his spokesman, Tony Blankley, "but he is practical enough to solve any problem." Gingrich's problem in the minority was how to gain a majority; now it is how to maintain one. As a result, he has consistently placated the party's 30 or so moderates, who often enjoy more leverage than their conservative counterparts because they may, in a pinch, vote with the opposition. He conspicuously excluded divisive social issues such as abortion and school prayer from the Contract with America. And, since taking power, he has strategically placed moderates like New York's Sherwood Boehlert at the helms of several of his new task forces.

Quintessential New England moderate Chris Shays, a former Gingrich foe, now hails him, without a hint of irony, as "one of the finest thinkers in Congress, a true patriot." But the flip side is that Gingrich has begun to lose his once-unassailable conservative base. Most hard-liners celebrated when Gingrich announced last month that he would no longer micromanage the House in order to concentrate on the GOP's message. Hard-liners had harrumphed because, while Armey has always run the day to day operations of the House, moderates had increasingly circumvented the more doctrinaire majority leader during contentious battles, pleading their case directly to Gingrich. After deficit hawks eliminated housing money for AIDS victims last year, some 30 moderates marched into Gingrich's office. "Afterwards, most of the funding was reinstated," says moderate Representative Rick Lazio. "I'd say we won."

It is such caves that lead previously ardent followers to now question Gingrich's conservative credentials. Representative Tom Coburn, head of the pro-family caucus, scoffs at Gingrich's self-described "progressive" conservatism: "Frankly, I don't know what that is."

Though many freshmen have been stunned by Gingrich's moderation, Republicans who have known the Speaker for years are less surprised. After all, the pear-shaped professor was once a Rockefeller Republican, crusading for civil rights. "The moderates like Newt," says

Resources Chairman Don Young, a fiscal conservative, "because Newt has always been a moderate." Many moderates supported Gingrich's bid for minority whip in 1989 over Ed Madigan, a fellow centrist. In part, they knew he could help them return to the majority, but they were also able to distinguish between Gingrich's guerrilla tactics and ideology. "I was a backbencher who knew that in order to be effective," Gingrich confessed to Atlanta Magazine in 1990, "you had to use certain techniques."

Newt the Speaker no longer throws bombs the way he did as a member of the opposition. This is why, according to many aides, Gingrich pursued budget negotiations with Clinton last fall, even after Dole, the famed deal maker, had decided that long-winded soires at the White House were counterproductive. What has undermined the Speaker is his inability to exploit his own moderate positions: Most Americans still see him as an ultra-right-winger, and his approval ratings are as low as Richard Nixon's at the height of Watergate.

This public unpopularity has ironically strengthened the House radicals, who seem prepared, if need be, to jettison their former guru. "There are 30 people other than just the Speaker who have the leadership ability and confidence to hold the conference together," says Coburn. In contrast, Shays, the Connecticut moderate, says: "It's a little scary, but I think Newt is indispensable."

For the moment, Gingrich still maintains the trust of most in the party. He remains their best communicator and fund-raiser. And moderates — in a panic over Armey's recent ascension — believe the voluble Speaker will still come to their rescue. After Gingrich's intervention on the regulatory bill, moderate Representative Ray LaHood says happily: "Gingrich is still calling the shots."

But with Gingrich's former supporters now occupying his infamous back bench, the Speaker is already showing signs of retreat. To appease the true believers, last month he scheduled a vote, after nearly a year of delay, on repealing the assault weapons ban. And with the fall election closing in and Armey prepared to step into the breach, Gingrich may soon be forced to become the one thing he has never been in his heart: an extremist.

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Judge Baer reverses controversial decision

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Federal Judge Harold Baer Jr.'s apparent capitulation to political pressure and his reversal of his controversial decision suppressing a questionable police search does grave damage to the independence of the judiciary. You will recall that Judge Baer made headlines back in January when he suppressed 80 pounds of cocaine seized from the trunk of a car driven by a woman who subsequently confessed to being a drug courier. Now, he has again raised eyebrows for reversing himself in the face of threats and pressure.

Judge Baer's original decision was based on his conclusion that the arresting officer did not tell the truth regarding the circumstances of the search and that on the basis of what Judge Baer believed to be the facts, the search violated the Fourth Amendment. That was the holding of his decision — the binding legal conclusion. He also added a bit of diction — which he subsequently characterized as hyperbole — to the effect that it was not necessarily suspicious for innocent people in certain parts of New York City to run from the police.

CRITICISM

This combination of factors — freeing an apparently guilty drug defendant on the basis of a constitutional violation and opining about the lack of trust some even innocent New Yorkers have in police — led to a firestorm of criticism. But that is precisely why federal judges have life tenure to permit them to resist criticism and stick to their constitutional rulings, no matter how unpopular.

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Judge Baer did not measure up to this responsibility. Between the two decisions, President Clinton's press secretary issued an entirely inappropriate threat against Judge Baer. He suggested that if the judge did not reverse his original decision, the president — who appointed Baer and has the power to promote him — might ask for his resignation. Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole went even further. He said that if Judge Baer did not resign, he should be impeached — thus demonstrating ignorance of the constitutional criteria for impeachment.

Upon hearing of these and other threats, Judge Baer caved in. He reversed his earlier ruling, citing new evidence which he said persuaded him that the police officer was telling the truth. What was this new evidence? The testimony of another police officer who allegedly corroborated the first one. But as *The New York Times* pointed out in an editorial critical of this pressured reversal: "The problem is that the second police officer's new testimony has inconsistencies when compared with a written account the same officer filled out just hours after the arrest took place."

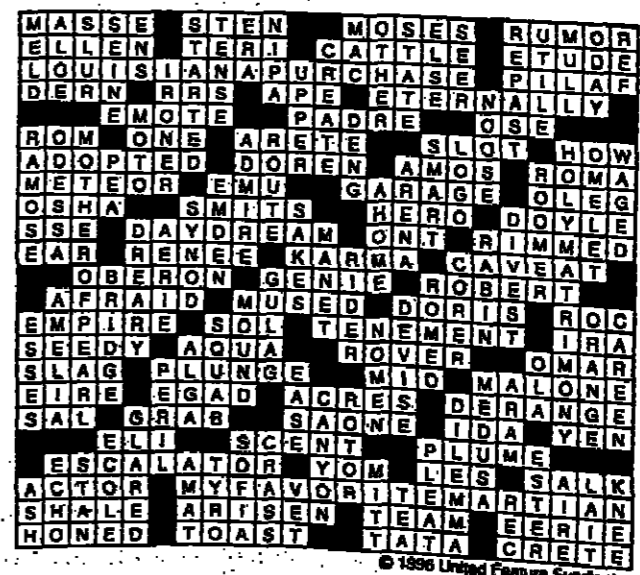
CORROBORATION

This kind of convenient corroboration by one policeman of another policeman's lies is all too typical of police testifying, a phenomenon of which Judge Baer is intimately aware, since he served on the Mollen Commission, which concluded that police testifying in precisely these kinds of cases is common in certain New York precincts.

It is extraordinarily unusual for a judge to reconsider a ruling of this kind and then to reverse himself, especially on an issue of credibility. The second police officer could have been called as a witness for the prosecution at the first hearing. The entire matter smacks of a contrivance, calculated to give the judge an out from the barrage of threats and criticism. The original police officer is no more credible today than he was when he first testified. The only change is that Judge Baer no longer has the courage to call it as he sees it.

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Playing mix 'n' match

IN TUNE DAVID BRINN

COMPILATION albums can be a mess - a dumping ground for divergent styles, previously unreleased songs not good enough to be included on albums the first time around, and reworked hits that you would never want to hear again.

However, occasionally, you'll find a hidden gem in the rough or discover an old hit in a new, more sympathetic light. The current batch of compilations offer some of each category.

Unquestionably, the most interesting is Songs in the Key of X (Hed Arzi), an ambitious soundtrack devoted to the cult television show The X-Files.

Most of the 15 artists are fans of the hugely popular show and contributed songs especially for the project, which was compiled by the show's creator, Chris Carter and musical everman David Was of Was Not Was.

They bill the collection as a "dossier of weird and wonderful music" and they're not far off the mark. Excellent new tracks by alterna-faves like Foo Fighters, Meat Puppets and Frank Black sit nicely next to a deliciously eerie out-take by Sheryl Crow that's as good as anything on her last album and a typically warped Nick Cave track from Let Love In.

An inspired pairing finds geriatric beat poet William Burroughs replacing Michael Stipe as lead vocalist on the kinky lyrics to R.E.M.'s "Star Me Kitten."

You won't like everything, but the pace moves so quickly, it's on to the next track before you have a chance to complain.

MORE homogeneous but equally satisfying is MOTOWN: The Very Best of the 60s (Helicon). The problem is: who doesn't already own a similar Motown compilation?

This collection contains the degenerate Supremes and Four Tops tracks, although for the life of



Geriatric beat poet William Burroughs becomes a guest vocalist for R.E.M. on a compilation devoted to 'The X-Files.'

me, I don't understand why "Walk Away Renee" appears on this and other Motown greatest hits collections - it was a white rock hit for The Left Banke which took it much higher in the charts than The Four Tops.

How is this collection different from all other Motown collections? There are some unexpected pleasures that are not usually found on your standard Motown hits, like Martha and the Vandellas' "Dancin' in the Streets" and Jr. Walker & the Allstars' punk blast of "Shotgun."

Plus, it's good for the soul to regularly listen to Motown's Greatest Hit "I Want You Back" by the Jackson Five to remember just how magical soul music was in the '60s.

THE '80s are a different story, as Shine On Vol. 2 (Helicon), a collection from the '80s, attests. Maybe they used up all the good pop songs on Volume 1, but this compilation stretches the boundaries of what you would care to remember from that decade.

"One Night in Bangkok" by ex-Jesus Christ Murray Head, and "Relax" by Frankie Goes to Hollywood are two of the less offensive tracks here. Neither actually annoyed me to listen to them again.

Can't say the same for "Lady in Red" by Chris De Burgh or "The Captain of Her Heart" by Double, songs I used to switch off whenever they popped up on the radio. Occasionally, a track worthy of a greatest hits collection appears, like Suzanne Vega's "Luka,"

Squeeze's "Is That Love" and The Christians' "Words," but like most Top 40 radio, it's a bit-and-miss affair, with mostly misses.

Undoubtedly the most unusual collection currently out is Mantra for Peace (Hed Arzi), a new-age compilation that is sure to soothe the savage beast, or average rock 'n' roll fan. Angelic vocals and diverse instrumentation by the likes of Bel Canto, Ravi Shankar, Clamard and Chorale, provide the perfect background for meditation, washing dishes and romance.

LEFT OF THE DIAL Radio Lelo Hafsa (FM 103) and The Hard Rock Cafe are joining forces to create Megaphone, a weekly "unplugged" series featuring established and up-and-coming Israeli artists. The venue will be at Tel Aviv's Hard Rock

every Thursday night at 9, and the shows will be broadcast live on the radio, beginning May 9.

THE SEVEN WORST SONGS OF THE '70s

- 1. "Afternoon Delight" - Starland Vocal Band
2. "All Out of Love" - Air Supply
3. "When I Need Love" - Leo Sayer
4. "The Night Chicago Died" - Paper Lace
5. "Billy Don't Be a Hero" - Bo Donaldson and the Heywoods
6. "Muskrat Love" - Captain and Tennille
7. "Seasons in the Sun" - Terry Jacks

Just Daw it: Arab arts festival ...

HELEN KAYE

IF it hadn't been for a couple of offers he couldn't refuse, actor/director Salim Daw might have stayed in France.

In 1984 the celebrated Ariane Mnouchkine offered the young Arab actor a place in the Theatre de Soleil and a role in her epic Indiana, "but I fell in love and was offered the lead in [the film] Avanti Popolo."

Daw returned home, made the movie, married Suhad and in 1986, founded and became artistic director of the Beit Hagefen Theater, a post he still holds. He's also artistic director of the Arabic Monodrama Festival which the theater is presenting as part of Arabic Culture and Book Month from May 7 to June 7.

There are six plays and six prizes in the festival. The first, second and third prizes are NIS 7,000, NIS 5,000 and NIS 3,000, with three consolation prizes of NIS 1,000 each.

The plays include Sanyoura, the story of a young woman in the 1936 uprisings, adapted by Osama Masri from the book by Tawfik Zayyad; The Infant of Light, about a father who treats his daughter as his longed-for son, by noted Algerian writer Tahar bin Jaloun and the problems of being an Israeli Arab inform Illusion, written and performed by Nizzam Ayyoub. All

performances are in Arabic. Album differs from its fellows in that it was written in Hebrew by Meir Gan-Or who also directed, and performed by Iyyad Sheti who translated the play. It's about a Jewish psychiatrist who loses his memory, "and the material was good, so we took it," says Daw.

Daw himself has just finished directing another children's play about road safety called Bad Boy. He's performing one of the lead roles in The King is the King, the inaugural production of the Arabic Theater in Israel, and continues to tour his long-running Hamdo and Son through the Arabic-sector schools.

Born and raised in Haifa, Daw graduated from the Beit Zvi Drama School in 1975 and two years later went to Paris where he studied with Jacques Lecoq for two years.

Mnouchkine's theater was one of five where he worked in the eight years he spent in France. "I didn't really want to be in the theater," he says.

"I wanted to achieve it, but not to stay because the framework was too rigid and that's not for me." Daw claims he is a natural optimist, and right now "life is very good and there's lots of work. Let's hope it stays that way, touch wood."

... shows a wide range of forms, approaches

HELEN KAYE

ARAB culture is not obliged to be Islamist, says Dr. Dan Ronen, who heads the department of culture and arts at the Ministry of Education. "And the answer to what is Arab art is whatever artists create."

He was introducing Arab Culture and Book Month which starts May 7 in Haifa. The event is multidisciplinary, multinational and enjoys the participation of some 40 Arab communities from around the country.

The month's centerpiece is "The Right to Hope," a traveling painting and sculpture exhibition comprising 40 works from 40 countries, whose themes are peace, coexistence and tolerance.

The exhibition, which will be at Beit Hagefen and the Chagall Artists House, celebrates the 50th anniversary of the UN and UNESCO. It was opened by President Nelson Mandela in South Africa, is currently in Amman and will open here May 11.

Other events during the month include an exhibition by 10 local Arab artists, the Arab Book Fair, now in its 17th year, a salute to the oud, the Arabic Monodrama

Festival and a children's theater marathon, a debka festival and two conventions. One is for poets and authors and the other is for journalists.

Additionally Arab communities will hold their own events including plays, films, dance, song and day-long arts symposia for all the family under the auspices of Omanut La'am.

Arab Culture and Book Month officially opens next week at Beit Hagefen in the presence of Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna, Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni, local Arab dignitaries as well as representatives from the Palestinian Authority and, it is hoped, from Jordan and Egypt.

Their names were withheld for security reasons, Ronen said. In the last three years government funding for culture in the Arab sector has grown from a pitiful NIS 2.9 million in 1993 to this year's budget of NIS 15m. The budget for this festival is approximately NIS 900,000.

It was organized by the Beit Hagefen Arab/Jewish Cultural Center and is funded by the Center, the Haifa Municipality, the Ministries of Education and the Arts, and Omanut La'am, among others.

It's a royal flush, plus Zorba the Yemenite

THE AMERICAN PRINCESS

By Nissan Aloni. Direction, Ami Dayan. Design, Miki Ben-Canaan. Music, Eran Diner. Lighting, Avi-Yona Busno (Bambi). Dressing, Dori Parnas. Hebrew title, Henshachi Ha'asvichit. The Camel Theater at ZOA House, Tel Aviv.

King Bonifacio Victor Felix - Yossi Pollack. Crown Prince Ferdinand - Avshalom Pollack. An Actor - Yossi Pollack. Offstage voices - Eshkol Golan, Yossi Golan, Ramal Darach, Shimon Mizrahi.

THIS is the second revival of Aloni's 1963 gem of sociopolitical satire, today a scintillating piece of historical hindsight, comes close on his award of this year's Israel Prize. With this production the Cameri Theater has gone all out to ensure a fitting celebration of the

distinguished playwright's lifetime achievement. Ami Dayan's deft direction, Bambi's brilliantly orchestrated lighting, Miki Ben-Canaan's rich, royally costumed design, and the Pollacks' (father and son) well-tempered playing of their "royal" counterparts, give colorful support to what is a sparkling entertainment as well as a historic occasion.

Yossi Pollack lends all his natural flamboyance and exuberance with a merging of irony and pathos to the triple roles of the paterfamilias, the decadent-romantic exiled monarch, and Aloni's superb portrait of the actor. In contrast Avshalom, Pollack's real-life son, pits a dry, skeptical, poker-faced realist against his father's highly histrionic personae. He also pays high tribute to

ZORBA THE GREEK

By Yehuda Barkan/Arnon Tsadok. Babolina - Ofra Weingarten. Sarmelina - Michal Zuretzki. Singer - Shula Chen. Menelik - Uri Gabrieli.

ANYONE seeking Kazantzakis's Zorba, even Anthony Quinn's, or for that matter, our own Margalit's (with Getta Luce and Meir Yanai), will fail to find anything remotely reminiscent of those memorable characterizations in Menahem Golan's musical melodrama. If, with its explosion of athletic folk dancing, loud electronic (well, two electric bouzoukis) music, and melodic merry-making Israeli-wedding-style, it sought to appeal to a wider Israeli public, it still didn't seem to do too much for the audience. Maybe today's TV viewing masses have

developed more sophisticated tastes. Arnon Tsadok played Zorba as a Yemenite rather than a Greek, and Ofra Weingarten is no Giulietta Masina, nor even a credible Babolina. So the show, though spirited, had little genuine Greek spirit other than the singing of Margalit Ankouri. The sensational scenes, a mass rape, a sexy bedroom sequence, and a murder, paled against the choice erotica nightly visible on the small screen. Golan's Zorba has a weakly written script, rousing but repetitive musical effects, and no irresistible stars to put them over. If Golan succeeds in his efforts to replace the much lamented Godek with popular musicals, he will have to offer more sophistication, discrimination and attention to quality than he has expended on his Zorba.

'Tah, Tei, Tel,' is tops for Timor

DANCE REVIEW DORA SOWDEN

HOWEVER the title of Ido Timor's latest work, Tah, Tei, Tel, is translated, it is his best to date. Danced by a company of eight outstanding dancers (including himself) at the Suzanne Dellal Theater in Tel Aviv (April 25), it was perhaps rather overloaded with structural devices - metal screens made up of bars like prison cells - that sometimes distracted from the dance forms, but it nevertheless made its point.

Yet it also called to mind the originally French saying "It's full of wonder, but that's not the issue." The message seemed to be about the limits and limitations to human life but also the vitality of struggle. Ultimately the work carried no promise and it was occasionally repetitive. It lost the

sense of order coming out of chaos that all art should have. There was no apotheosis, only a fading of purpose.

And yet, as an essay in choreography, it commanded respect and applause. And if the music had been less fragmentary, the effect might have been even finer.

BEGINNING with talks on Arab folk dance by organizer Ayalah Goren and Arab folk music by musicologist Khaled Jubran (with illustrations by a flutist and a drummer) at the Wise Auditorium of the Hebrew University Givat Ram campus (April 19) various groups of Arab dancers performed "debka" dances in full

traditional costume with musical accompaniment for a delighted audience.

The first group of eight dancers were men from Galilee whose coordination and skill were more polished than ever. Other groups consisted of equally happy and beautifully coordinated dancers. An ensemble of five drummers brought the enthusiasm of the public to an even higher note but not before three women, on invitation, from the stage, joined in the dancing, gyrating their hips and showing they were by no means novices.

But the real climax came when the audience crowded the stage and formed three rings - a sort of dance free-for-all that all obviously enjoyed.

Orgad salutes the Old City

CONCERT ROUNDUP

BEN-ZION Orgad's two overtures - Facing the Wall and Fanfare for Gates - were festive contributions to the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's Independence Day Concert. With his unerring sensitivity Orgad has grasped that the powerful sonorities of brass instruments and percussion are singularly fitting for conveying musically the grandeur of Jerusalem's Old City walls without being dwarfed by its visual impact. A deplorable injustice was done to Benny Hendei's intelligent and impressive narration by forcing it through an electronic amplification system, creating an absurd imbalance of sound and making the words unintelligible. In a hall where solo singers are heard satisfactorily without microphones there is no justification for such distortion.

American Laura Aikin's soprano is far too charming for the vicious Queen of the Night from Mozart's Magic Flute. Pamina would have been a more appropriate choice for her bright-timbred, innocent-sounding, clear voice, though her flexible coloratura, shining brilliantly even in the highest notes, were a pure delight. Her endearing doll-like performance as Olympia from Offenbach's Contes d'Hoffmann made one understand why the ill-fated Hoffmann fell a prey to her charms.

Britain's John Dickie sounds like a pleasant, soft lyric tenor in arias by Donizetti ("Una furtiva lagrima" from L'Elisir d'Amore) and Verdi ("La donna e mobile" from Rigoletto) where discreet orchestration supports the voice's limita-

tions. When the orchestra got louder in arias by Mozart (Ottavio's "Il mio tesoro" from Don Giovanni) and Lehár ("Giuditita"), not much vocal presence was left. Conductor Yutaka Sado from Japan, well remembered here as winner of the Leonard Bernstein competition, released the pent-up energies of Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 with tremendous force, carrying the JSO away with his inspiring personality. Jerusalem Theater, April 23. Ury Epstein

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

Table with columns: THIS WEEK, LAST WEEK, CHARTS, ARTIST, TITLE. Lists top 15 albums including Rita, Dreamland, Shlomo Artzi, Rockfour, Oasis, Film Sound Track, Boaz Sharabi, Take That, Sound Track, Danny Litani, Various Artists, Yehuda Poliker, Mark Knopler, Arkadi Duchin, and Rita.

Undressing Merchant and Ivory in public

MATT WOLF ISUE OF MAN

AMT Agnes travels to Italy with her sexually avid 22-year-old niece, Emily, but she is so attached to the English landscape that she has her lawn cut up and boxed so she can take it with her. Edward, Emily's brother, tells best chum Cedric that he loathes the common folk. "You mustn't hate them," Cedric admonishes. "They have smaller brains." Cedric's great-uncle Horace falls madly for Aunt Agnes, indulging in some playful rumpy pumpy. But when the time comes to exhort Agnes's praises, all Horace can invoke is England's national drink: "Your eyes are like shimmering pools of tea / Your thighs are like firm strong tea plants / Your breasts are like beautiful big sacks of tea-leaves." This is the sstic realm of Staff Upper Lips, an

English film currently in production that unlaces the Merchant-Ivory screen corsets and substitutes for sense and sensibility an appetite for sex more often associated with the late Benny Hill.

The target is the seemingly insatiable appetite for British costume drama, usually in films whose characters forsake their primness once they arrive in Italy or India. The film stars Sir Peter Ustinov. The recent spate of film and TV adaptations of Jane Austen's novels has only fueled the comic ambitions of director Gary Sinyor. "I find it so frustrating, the idea of propagating Britain in that way," Sinyor said. "The fact is, that society's gone; these films don't deal with anything at all." Sinyor's previous films include Leon the Pig Farmer and Solitaire for Two. (AP)

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Lehman Bros.: Shekel to fall after elections

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE shekel's depreciation against the dollar will accelerate after the May 29 elections, and thus benefit export-related businesses, according to investment bank Lehman Brothers' second quarter report on global emerging markets.

According to the report, conducted by analyst Maryam Mansury, Lehman Brothers remains bullish on emerging markets.

"The analyst said high-risk premium compensates investors in Israel for short-term uncertainties. Lehman Brothers said it has reduced its relative valuations of most markets since the backup in US rates. Lehman Brothers' relative valuations in most markets relies heavily on US bond yields and also country risk.

The company said in most mar-

kets the yield gap or implied risk premium in equities points to fair valuation, but in Israel, India, Korea and Greece there is "undervaluation."

Concerning Israel, the report's writers said they are "still looking beyond the current turmoil to eventual peace in the Middle East, and we continue to remain overweight in Israel in anticipation of rising equity returns in the second half of the year.

"The peace process is, in our view, irreversible, and the market's risk is high enough to compensate investors for the short-term uncertainties."

According to Lehman Brothers' rankings, Israel has a current risk premium of 5.84% compared with an average of 4.71% during the last four to five years.

Indigo raises \$100m. in effort to offset '95 losses of \$40.5m.

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

INDIGO announced yesterday it had raised \$100 million in private offerings after suffering \$40.5m. in losses for 1995 and disclosing corporate restructuring plans that include the laying off of 240 employees.

"There is both a positive and a negative side to today's news," said Benny Landa, founder and chairman of Indigo, the international leader in the digital color printing field. "The difficult side is the layoffs, but we now have a change in outlook and the momentum, financing and senior management team to get back on track."

The market seemed unimpressed with the company's plan, as Indigo shares fell from 16 to 13.875 yesterday in trading on Nasdaq.

Landa said 1995's losses indicated that the Dutch company,

with research and development facilities in Rehovot, had been out of touch with its customer base. As a part of the company's restructuring program, Landa said a new president, Wayland Hicks, was hired and the management team was relocated from Israel to Europe and the US, where the bulk of the company's customers are located.

"Last summer there was such demand for our [short-run color printers] that we presumed customers were standing in line, waiting to use them," Landa said. "We sold them the machines, but basically they were then on their own."

In addition to focusing on greater customer relations, the company's restructuring plan will result in a decrease of approxi-

mately 25% in ongoing operational expenses and more than 20% of the company's staff.

These layoffs are the second such cuts the company has made in the last six months and will affect employees across the board, although fewer cuts will be made in the research and development divisions.

More than half the layoffs will be made in the company's Israel offices.

Total revenues increased 105% last year to \$165.8m. from \$80.8m. in 1994, and revenue from product sales rose 100% to \$145.7m. from \$73m.

Net losses increased 30% from net losses of \$27.9 in 1994.

The company will issue Series A Convertible Preferred Shares and warrants to purchase common shares at a price of \$15.625 per unit.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

IAI's Malam was highest grade in Pentagon system: Israel Aircraft Industries' Malam electronics division has been graded the highest of the nation's defense companies by the Pentagon in the field of software development, the company announced yesterday.

The US Defense Department's Software Engineering Institute, established as a troubleshooter in software development, has rated Malam 2+. The highest scores given by the institute range between two and three out of five.

Executives at Malam said they hope to achieve a grade of three by the end of the year, due to improved supervision and more rapid software development.

Steve Rodan

Bedouin park to be built in Beersheba: In an effort to drum up tourism in the South, the Organization for the Development of Tourism in the Negev, in conjunction with the Tourism Ministry, has announced plans to build a 50-dunam Bedouin market and fairgrounds in Beersheba.

The NIS 9 million project will include a market, Bedouin attractions, a hospitality tent, and a Bedouin restaurant. A Jordanian expert on Bedouin culture will help the Israeli team plan the design and scope of the project. The park is to open within the next six months.

Jennifer Friedlin

South Africa's four largest banks yesterday raised their prime lending rates to 19.5 percent, from 18.5%, in accordance with a one percentage-point boost in the central bank's official lending rate.

The Reserve Bank's move on Friday was designed to shore up the falling currency. The commercial banks have also raised their consumer lending rates, hitting homeowners and buyers and threatening to exacerbate an economic slowdown.

Bloomberg

Discount wants amendment in banking bill dropped

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Discount's board of directors yesterday called on the government to cancel Amendment 11 in the banking bill, which was passed Sunday by the Knesset Finance Committee for final approval by the plenum.

The bank's directors objected to the recommendation to prevent banks from holding shares of another bank unless they have a controlling stake in it.

In the case of Bank Discount, the bank would be forced to sell its holdings in First International Bank, which accounts for approximately one-third of Discount's profits.

"This order, even though it is composed in a general way, only affects Bank Discount in its minority holdings of First International Bank," the bank said

in a press release.

The board of directors said the proposal is included in the banking bill amendment as if it is part of the Brodet Committee's recommendations, although the Brodet Committee - which had proposed to limit banks' holdings of real assets - did not discuss the issue, and the recommendation was never the subject of discussion at a public debate.

The bank said the conditions set by the Bank of Israel at the time when Bank Discount purchased First International's shares (26% ownership and 11% voting) prevent Bank Discount from any involvement in management of the bank.

For this reason, Discount said it

is misleading to argue that the sale of its shares in First International will lead to increased competition in the sector.

"This is all happening at a time when the other banks will be able to continue to hold on to bank subsidiaries under their control," said the bank. "It will be damaging to Bank Discount to compel it to sell [First International], and its competitive ability will be harmed."

"The effect of the damage is even worse considering the expected damage to the bank from the decision to compel it to sell its holdings in Mercantile-Discount, and there will be no benefit to the public in comparison with the severe damage to the bank and to its assets," said Discount's board of directors.

Lufthansa seeks more flights here

GREER FAY CASHMAN

A TOP-LEVEL Lufthansa delegation headed by CEO Jurgen Weber met with its El Al counterparts yesterday to discuss the possibility of increasing the German carrier's number of weekly flights out of Tel Aviv from 15 to 18.

Weber later told a press conference at the Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel that El Al was "in full agreement" that flight capacity on Israel-Germany routes must be expanded to cope with increased demand.

Confirming this, El Al spokesman Nahman Klieeman said the two companies had discussed greater cooperation in marketing, tourism promotion and transportation of cargo.

Bezeq told to stop Internet on non-subscription basis

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEQ has been forced by the Communications Ministry to halt a "technical examination" of its ability to provide Internet services on a non-subscription basis.

The proposed Bezeq service was strongly opposed by private Internet providers, even though they sell their services to subscribers only.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni instructed the public telecommunications company to stop the examination, which for the past few weeks has

given some Bezeq workers access to Internet.

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul said the firm would halt the "examination" of its planned 135 "multimedia kiosk" service, even though it was offered only to its own workers and was not even an "experiment."

But he urged the ministry to look carefully into the question of whether Bezeq, as a infrastructure supplier, should be allowed to

provide Internet access before it made a final decision. Kaul said the service was so popular among workers that the number of connections grew dramatically in a short time.

Aloni approved the proposal that experts would investigate the issue over the next few days.

Kaul said Bezeq regarded access to Internet as a popular service "that must not be turned into an elitist one and thereby expand the gap between rich and poor in their access to information."

IBM falls from top 5 US computer makers

MARGARET WILLIAMS

IBM has fallen out of the list of top five personal computer producers in the US.

Ranked No. 4 in the first quarter last year, IBM seems likely to be sixth when the final figures are released by market researchers International Data Corporation (IDC). The top five PC makers are now Compaq Computer Corp., Packard Bell Electronics, Hewlett-Packard Co. (H-P), Apple Computer, and Gateway

2000, according to IDC's figures.

Compaq has been the overall market leader for the last two years. The company shipped 740,000 units for 12.9 percent of the market, compared to 10.6% during the same period in 1994.

During the last quarter, H-P was the biggest victor, as shipments more than doubled to 401,000. Apple Computer saw shipments


plummet 22%, the only manufacturer in the top five to have lower shipments.

Overall shipments of PCs rose 14% during the quarter to 5.73 million from 5.02 million. While that is lower than the estimate for PC growth this year, IDC said there is no evidence of a "vast slowdown" in the PC market.

"We're not going off a cliff," said IDC vice-president Bruce Stephen. (Bloomberg)

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Tadiran subsidiary receives \$54m. order from US Army

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TALLA-COM, Tadiran's military communications systems subsidiary in Florida, has received a \$54 million order for military communications equipment for the US Army.

The full US order is for 11,100 communications devices valued at \$107m. Talla-Com will receive 50 percent of the order, since it participated for the contract with General Dynamics, its partner in the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems (SINCGARS) project.

Talla-Com was established several years ago to develop and manufacture tactical military communication systems for sale specifically to the US Army. The company was founded after the US Army decided it no longer wants to rely solely on its original supplier, the US ITT.

Israel Zamir, president and chief executive officer of Tadiran, said this is the fourth order that Talla-Com has received under the framework of the project, for a total of more than \$200m.

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Source: Telephone quotes, May 1994

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CORRECTION

An April 26 item on this page erroneously stated that five former directors of the North American Bank "had been found guilty of crimes leading to the bank's collapse." In fact, no criminal charges were ever filed against the five - Erwin Sussman, Gedalia Buchintzer, Joseph Nakash, Dan Barzilai, and Ya'acov Horowitz. Instead, they were found liable in a civil suit for damages resulting from the bank's collapse. The Post regrets the error.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Pabah (foreign currency deposit rates) (25.4.96)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.825	4.825	5.000
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.125	4.250	4.500
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.750	1.750	2.000
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.375	0.375	0.525

(All rates higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (29.4.96)

Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Rep. Rating
U.S. dollar	3.548	3.520	3.670
German mark	3.170	3.213	3.27
French franc	2.016	2.112	2.15
Japanese yen (100)	4.711	4.828	4.94
Swiss franc	0.618	0.628	0.64
Dutch guilder	3.018	3.088	3.12
Spanish peseta (100)	1.828	1.828	1.82
Italian lira (1000)	2.574	2.618	2.66
Australian dollar	0.467	0.473	0.48
S. African rand	0.645	0.654	0.66
Portuguese escudo (10)	0.597	0.608	0.62
British pound (£10)	0.267	0.268	0.28
Australian dollar	2.827	2.898	2.92
S. African rand	2.487	2.580	2.62
Portuguese escudo (10)	0.728	0.737	0.74
Australian dollar	1.078	1.088	1.09
British pound (£10)	2.951	3.009	3.05
Italian lira (1000)	2.051	2.069	2.10
Japanese yen (100)	—	—	—
Egyptian pound	—	—	—
ESU	—	—	—
Israeli sheqel	3.975	3.967	3.967
Spanish peseta (100)	4.594	4.584	4.58
Portuguese escudo (10)	2.910	2.916	2.92

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.
SOURCE: BANK LEUM

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Postponement of Tender Dates
Tender for leasing plots for construction of residential building (249 housing units) in the Mashtela Quarter, Tel Aviv

The last date for submitting bids for tenders 21/96/av heb and 22/96/av heb is postponed to May 30, 1996. A bid not found in the tenders box when it is opened, whatever the reason, cannot be considered. All those purchasing the tender booklet should read the letter issued by the Tel Aviv Municipality. This notice is for information only, and does not obligate the Administration and/or the Tel Aviv Municipality in any way. The binding terms are those given in the tender booklet.

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Cancellation of Tender
We announce the cancellation of Tender 20/96/av heb regarding the leasing of plots 281, 282, 291, 292 for the construction of 80 housing units in the Mashtela Quarter, Tel Aviv.

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Key Representative Rates table showing US dollar, Sterling, and Mark rates with percentage changes.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

Table of New York market indexes including DJ Industrials, DJ Transport, DJ Utility, etc.

NYSE stocks

Table of NYSE stocks with columns for stock name, price, and change.

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

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Two-sided trading

AFTERNOON

MORNING

Main table of Tel Aviv stocks with columns for Name, Price, Change, % Volume, and Shares.

Stronger dollar sends shares up

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



STOCKS rose for a fourth day yesterday as the dollar strengthened against the shekel, boosting the prospects for exporters.

"After the interest rate increase" last week, "the market and the dollar didn't fall," said Dror Kraus, investment manager at Haron and Levi in Tel Aviv.

"The main thing is that the dollar strengthened."

The Maof Index rose 0.13 percent to 214.78, while the Two-Sided Index went up 0.27% to 203.88.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, some NIS 90.5 million worth of shares traded, 22% greater than the month's average of NIS 74.2m.

More than three issues rose for every two that fell. The most active share for a second day was Bezeq, up 0.25% on about NIS 6.2m. of shares traded.

Hadera Paper, jumped 3.5% on NIS 2.7m. of shares, which Kraus said was more than 10 times the stock's normal daily trading.

Tadiran jumped 2.75%. The Koor Industries Ltd. unit received half of a \$107m. US Army contract for communications equipment. Koor went up 2%.

Both Koor and Tadiran rely strongly on exports. Tadiran's export sales for 1995 rose 25% to \$487.4m. That's 46% of the company's total sales of \$1.05 billion.

Stocks are also being driven by the influence from New York, Kraus said.

For example, Teva rose 1 1/2% yesterday. Teva shares traded in New York have leaped 21% this month. Tel Aviv traders tend to move similarly with investors in New York on issues listed in both cities.

Investors are watching Teva because of the possibility that the US Food and Drug Administration will rule on the company's application to market copaxone, a multiple-sclerosis treatment.

Teva has also agreed to acquire Biocraft Laboratories, a New Jersey maker of antibiotics and the raw materials for antibiotics.

It was the fifth of 15 trading days this month in which the volume has exceeded NIS 90m. It could indicate a strengthening of foreign investment in the market and Kraus said ease of trading is important by itself: "If you can't sell or buy, stocks are worth nothing to you."

Among actively traded issues: Elite jumped 4.25%, while Osem added 1.25%. The chemical companies, which are exporters, were mixed. Israel Chemicals rose 0.5%, Makhteshim slipped 0.25% and Dead Sea Works and Agan each lost 0.5%.

Elbit rose 0.75%. Elron Electronic Industries Ltd., which holds 40% of Elbit, added 1%. The banks also were mixed: Bank Hapoalim was down 1%, Bank Leumi was off 0.75%, Discount Bank was up 1.5%, and First International Bank was unchanged. (Bloomberg)

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table of international stock prices with columns for Name, Price, and Change.

Eurobourses end down

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

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Galil draws even

ELI GRONER

WHEN Andrew Kennedy and Gur Shelef are playing well, Hapoel Galil Elyon is a difficult club to beat. Last night, Galil's dynamic duo were in top form as the northerners defeated Hapoel Jerusalem 89-76 to even up their National Basketball League best-of-five semifinal at one game a piece.

Galil coach David Blatt surprised most observers by starting off with an open, fast-paced game. The move paid dividends as his club reeled off five consecutive points at the start.

Norris Coleman, Billy Thompson and Papi Turgeon brought Jerusalem back though, daing all of the scoring to move in front 15-14. The two clubs exchanged baskets over the next several minutes until Shelef, Kennedy and Gil Sela led Galil on a run that provided a 43-35 halftime advantage.

In the second half, Jerusalem guard Adi Gordon looked for his shot more often, and Jerusalem crept to within 57-53 with just over 15 minutes remaining. As he

has all season though, Kennedy came through. He responded with four points within 46 seconds to inspire an 11-0 spurt that gave his squad a 70-55 lead with under nine minutes to play.

At this point the game got sloppy, but Jerusalem wasn't able to capitalize. The northerners were able to maintain their composure down the stretch, and disorganized Jerusalem play in the final minute enabled Galil to win the game handily.

Kennedy was the high scorer with 29 points. Sela had 20 and Shelef 13 to go with his 11 assists and five rebounds. Coleman poured in 21 for Jerusalem.

In the Lower Playoffs play yesterday, Hapoel Holon earned a place in Korac Cup competition next year with a 105-96 overtime victory over Hapoel Sefed to sweep their best-of-three series.

Meanwhile, Hapoel Eilat, overtime losers to Maccabi Rishon LeZion in their first game, tied the series with an 81-80 home victory.



BMOC - Marcus Camby practices for the pros. (AP)

Camby declares for NBA draft

AMHERST (AP) - Massachusetts star Marcus Camby, the college basketball player of the year, ended the suspense yesterday, announcing that he will enter the NBA draft. Camby made the announcement at a campus news conference.

Last season, Camby led Massachusetts to its first trip to the NCAA Final Four, averaging 20.5 points, 8.2 rebounds and 3.9 blocked shots. An unexplained collapse at midseason sidelined him for several games, but he finished the season without further physical problems.

Massachusetts, ranked No. 1 for most of the season, lost to eventual champion Kentucky 81-74 in the NCAA semifinals. Camby had 25 points, eight rebounds and six blocks in that game.

To be eligible for the June 26 draft, Camby had to declare his intention by May 12. But if he doesn't hire an agent, he can change his mind any time before or after the draft.

The 6-foot-11 junior is expected to be one of the top three picks - perhaps even No. 1. He is expected to play forward in the pros.

"I don't know if I'm ready to live the NBA lifestyle. I don't know if I'm ready to compete in an 82-game schedule," Camby said. "There's no question in my mind that I can play at the next level."

Camby could make \$9.1 million over three years under the NBA's rookie salary cap if he is the top pick this year.

Canada shut out of 2nd round

Detroit, Pittsburgh, NY advance to conference semis

NEW YORK (AP) - Detroit, Pittsburgh and New York won their NHL playoff series, capping a weekend that vaulted all eight teams into the second round.

The Red Wings beat Winnipeg 4-1 Sunday, the Penguins downed Washington 3-2 and the Rangers stopped Montreal 5-3 - all three series ending in six games.

The Penguins and Rangers each won four straight games, becoming the 10th and 11th teams in NHL history to lose the first two at home and go on to win a seven-game series.

The Red Wings will play St. Louis, and Colorado will face Chicago in the Western Conference. Pittsburgh will play New York, and Philadelphia will play Florida in the East.

On Saturday, Florida beat Boston 4-3 to win in five games, while Philadelphia defeated Tampa Bay 6-1. St. Louis edged Toronto 2-1 and Colorado stopped Vancouver 3-2 to win in six.

The results featured a rarity in the NHL postseason - the first time since 1974 no Canadian team has advanced to the second round.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Red Wings 4, Jets 1
Vyacheslav Kozlov scored twice in the first period as visiting Detroit built an early 3-0 lead.

Steve Yzerman also scored for the Red Wings, who wrapped up their series and ended the Jets' stay in Winnipeg. The Jets will play next season in Phoenix, where they will be known as the Coyotes.

Winnipeg goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin was unable to put together another performance like the 51-stop job that got the Jets out of Detroit with a 3-1 win Friday night, forcing a sixth



PENGUIN PRIDE - Penguins' Ron Francis (10) hugs teammate Jaromir Jagr (68) after Jagr's goal put Pittsburgh ahead 2-0 against the Capitals. Washington was eliminated in first-round play. (Renter)

game.

The Jets started in Winnipeg in 1972 in the World Hockey Association and joined the NHL in 1979.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Penguins 3, Capitals 2
Visiting Pittsburgh ousted Washington from the playoffs for the fourth time in six years.

Ken Wregget had 35 saves and the Penguins built a 3-0 lead in the opening 13 minutes. Mario Lemieux, Jaromir Jagr and Ron Francis scored for the Penguins, who won all three games at the USAir Arena, including the four-overtime game that tied the series

2-2.

Pittsburgh also rallied from a two-game deficit to eliminate the Capitals in 1992 and 1995. The Penguins beat Washington in five games in 1991 and lost to the Capitals in six games two years ago.

Dale Hunter and Sergei Gonchar had goals for the Capitals, who went through the entire regular season without losing four straight.

Rangers 5, Canadiens 3
Visiting New York jumped to an early 4-0 lead and held off a spirited comeback by the Canadiens.

Adam Graves, Alexei Kovalev and Jari Jurri scored in a 1:02 span in the middle of the opening period after Pat Verbeek had opened the scoring at 6:24 on the Rangers' first shot.

Doug Lidster added a power-play goal in the second period after the Canadiens got goals from Mark Recchi and Pierre Turgeon. Defenseman Patrice Brisebois added one for Montreal in the final period.

The Canadiens went 0-3 in their new 21,273-seat Molson Center, where they were 5-7-1 since moving in March 16.

NHL Playoffs
(First Round, Best-of-7)
SUNDAY'S RESULTS:
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
NY Rangers 5, Montreal 3
(NY Rangers win series 4-2)
Detroit 4, Winnipeg 1
(Detroit wins series 4-2)

Conference Semifinals
THURSDAY'S GAMES:
Florida at Philadelphia
Chicago at Colorado
FRIDAY'S GAMES:
NY Rangers at Pittsburgh
St. Louis at Detroit

Atherton guides Lancashire

LONDON (Reuters) - England captain Mike Atherton compiled his first century of the season yesterday to give Lancashire a seven-wicket win over Durham in their Benson and Hedges Cup first-round match at Old Trafford.

Chasing Durham's 214-9, he scored an unbeaten 121, guiding his side to victory at 217-3 with 17 balls to spare.

On Sunday, Atherton had inched his way to 24 off 72 balls before bad light and drizzle stopped play with the home side on 82 for two.

But yesterday, with rain again the greatest threat, he cut loose, racing to his half century off only 21 more balls, and adding 105 runs in 23 overs with England team mate John Crawley.

Crawley was eventually caught on the boundary for 45, leaving Atherton to reach his century off 136 balls with a superbly-timed clip off his legs for four.

The England skipper, supported by Neil Fairbrother, saw his side home just 10 minutes before torrential rain returned to Old Trafford.

In a Benson and Hedges Cup match on Sunday, England Test veterans Alec Stewart and Robin Smith both responded to doubts about their international futures with forceful centuries as Surrey clashed with Hampshire.

Chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth recently omitted the names of both when he listed those most likely to form the nucleus of England teams this season but both showed they are not ready to give up their places without a fight.

Stewart's 160, made off 151 balls with 18 fours and four sixes, ultimately proved decisive as Surrey totaled 333 for six in its 50 overs and won by 59 runs.

But when Hampshire made its reply, Smith had kept its hopes alive until he was bowled for 123 when trying one big hit too many after studding a 114-ball stay with 19 fours and a six. The visitors were all out for 274.

In other Benson and Hedges matches, Warwickshire's new South African acquisition Sean Pollock, who started sensationally in his debut match with four wickets in four balls, conceded four boundaries in his opening over and ended up wicketless against the Minor Counties at Jesmond.

But Warwickshire still had an overwhelming 195-run win after a 99-ball 104 from Nick Knight and 86 from Dominic Ostler took them to 369 for eight, their highest score in the competition and the highest by any team since it was reduced to 50 overs.

Minor Counties were always struggling as they managed only 174 for eight in reply.

At Worcester: Yorkshire beat Worcestershire by six wickets. Worcestershire 289-3 innings closed (G.Hick 95, T.Moody 80 not out, T.Curtis 67); Yorkshire 292-4 (M.Bevan 80 not out, M.Moxon 67, M.Vaughan 60).

At Old Trafford: Durham 214-9 innings closed (M.Foster 52); Lancashire 82-2. Match to be resumed on Monday.

At The Oval: Surrey beat Hampshire by 59 runs. Surrey 333-6 innings closed (A.Stewart 160, A.Brown 51); Hampshire 274 (R.Smith 123; A.Holloake 4-34).

At Jesmond: Warwickshire beat Minor Counties by 195 runs. Warwickshire 369-8 innings closed (N.Knight 104, D.Ostler 86); Minor Counties 174-8 (D.Reeve 4-23).

At Fenner's (Cambridge): Glamorgan beat British Universities by eight wickets. British Universities 312-8 innings closed (G.Khan 147, A.Ridley 58); Glamorgan 314-2 (S.James 121 not out, M.Maynard 110 not out).

At Maidstone: Kent beat Somerset by 45 runs. Kent 338-6 innings closed (C.Hooper 98, M.Ealham 72, T.Ward 58); Somerset 293-9 innings closed (S.Ecclestone 92; M.Ealham 4-50).

At Hove: Sussex beat Ireland by eight wickets. Ireland 190-8 innings closed (A.Dunlop 50; V.Drakes 5-19); Sussex 194-2 off 20 overs (M.Speight 64, A.Wells 53 not out, K.Greenfield 51 not out).

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Derbyshire by four runs. Leicestershire 282-9 innings closed (J.Whitaker 70, V.Wells 60, B.Smith 53); Derbyshire 278 (C.J.Adams 72, C.Wells 56).

Kiwi claims duck mark

WELLINGTON (Reuters) - New Zealand fast bowler Danny Morrison has claimed a world record - most ducks in Test cricket - Morrison was none for 24 on the second day of the second cricket Test against the West Indies at St John's, Antigua on Sunday. That lifted him past the previous world mark of 23 held by Indian tallender Bhagwat Chandrasekhar.

Israel hosts South Korea today

DEREK FATTAL

ISRAEL'S national soccer squad continues its preparations for the upcoming World Cup group qualifiers with a friendly match against South Korea at Bloomfield Stadium this afternoon.

National coach Shlomo Scharf is fully aware of the importance of these friendly matches since Israel's toughest foes in those qualifiers, Russia and Bulgaria, are set to hone their skills in the fiercely competitive arena of the European Championship finals in England this June.

Unfortunately, it has not been an easy task for Scharf to motivate his players. The coach has complained of a lack of seriousness shown in training this week, echoing his statements before the team's recent disappointing 2-0 defeat in Croatia in March.

Maccabi Herzliya striker Ofer Mizrahi is slated to lead the attack in the continued absence of the injured Ronen Harazi, which will allow Haim Revivo to return to his more usual role in midfield.

Eyal Berkowitz is still hopeful of making the starting line-up despite a bad knock received on Saturday against Bnei Yehuda.

Maccabi Haifa teammate Alon Hazon is set to make his 50th appearance in national colors while captain Nir Klinger should move closer to surpassing Mordechai Spiegel's record of 79 international appearances, by clocking up his 77th match for the squad.

With the South Korean Football Association locked in a battle against Japan to win the nomination to stage the 2002 World Cup Finals, its national side is trying to put together a good record on the field to support the country's bid. The team also played Croatia last month, losing 3-0 in Zagreb. Following that defeat, the side managed by Jung Hun Park recently competed in an international tourney in Dubai where it registered draws against Morocco and Egypt, and was defeated 3-2 by the United Arab Emirates.

Today's match kicks off at 5 pm. In other news, Israel's youth (under-18) side lost 3-0 to Turkey yesterday in the European Championship finals currently taking place in Austria. Israel's next game is against Slovakia.

2nd Division soccer postponed another week

ORI LEWIS

SECOND Division soccer will take a rest for a second straight weekend on Friday and Saturday after the IFA yesterday decided to give Hapoel Kiryat Shmona more time to regroup before the end-of-season rush to avoid relegation. The northern side was paralyzed by the events of Operation Grapes of Wrath and many of the players began to get back into a training regimen following the cease-fire only this week.

Kiryat Shmona had asked the IFA to freeze all relegation from the Second Division this season. But rather than take such a drastic

step, the governing body's league and cup committee decided to give the club a chance to get back in form and allow the division to run its course as planned. The side is precariously situated one place off the bottom of the table.

After 25 matches of the 30-round league having been played by Saturday, April 13, Kiryat Shmona still had to complete matches against Maccabi Kiryat Gat and Maccabi Yavne.

The match against Yavne which was scheduled for today has been postponed for a further week at least.

The postponement of a whole round of matches was enforced because the IFA's standing orders state that any backlog of postponed fixtures must be cleared within five rounds of the completion of the league.

Kiryat Shmona is one place off the bottom of the table with 24 points from 23 matches, but it is far from doomed, as Maccabi Netanya and Shmshon Tel Aviv are likewise struggling with 26 and 27 points respectively from 25 matches.

World hockey quarter-finalists set

VIENNA (AP) - Slovakia defeated Germany 4-1 yesterday in the final game in Pool A in the World Ice Hockey Championships, finalizing the quarter-final pairings for play opening today.

Germany dropped to No. 4 in Pool A with the loss and will play the Czech Republic in the quarter-finals - the top team in Pool B - instead of Finland.

For Germany, which played a lackluster game after four strong ones that included a 5-1 win over Canada, the quarter-final opponent didn't seem to matter.

"Every player wants to go on the ice and play as well as he can, but on the other hand, there was no pressure for us to win," said Brad Bergen, one of five Canadian-born players with the Germans.

"In a way, losing could have been better because we got a day off," he added.

Canadian-born Benoit Doucet was of the same mind.

"It wasn't that important for us because we were already assured of the quarter-finals," Doucet said. "Being third or fourth really doesn't change much. Playing against the Czechs instead of Finland won't make much difference."

In quarter-final pairings today, the US will play Sweden and Finland faces Canada. The Wednesday pairings have Russia against Italy and the Czech Republic playing Germany.

"Today we played a team with its back to the wall, they were out to rescue their tournament and we obviously didn't do what was needed to be motivated," said Canadian coach George Kingston, a Canadian and former NHL coach who led Canada to the gold medal in this tournament two years ago.

The victory for Slovakia, which finished with one win, three losses and a tie in Pool A, gave it three points and fifth place in the six-team pool and keeps it out of relegation.

Austria finished last with two points. Austria will face either Norway or France in a best-of-three relegation series later this week. Norway was set to face France in a late game last night.

The relegation loser will drop down to hockey's No. 2 group with teams like Switzerland and Britain. Latvia will move up to join the top teams.

After a scoreless first period, the Slovaks picked up goals in the second period by Zigmund Palffy of the New York Islanders (6:36), Lubomir Sekeras (12:47) and Vlastimil Plavucha (17:34).

Slovakia Medrik made it 4-0 at just over 14 minutes of the final period, sweeping in a shot from the left of German goalie Klaus Meek.

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

OPERA

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

DAVID Loden's David and Bathsheba, an operatic musical which focuses on the way the King dealt with his sin with Bathsheba, premieres tonight at the Shrover Theatre in Jerusalem (8:30). In this fully staged production David is tenor Chris Holloway, Bathsheba is mezzo Donna Stephenson and Nathan is baritone Stan Blair. Menahem Nebenzahl conducts the additional chorus as well as the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba. Further performances Friday (2), Saturday (9) and May 8, 9 (8:30) and 10 (2) at the Noga Theater in Jaffa, Monday (8:30) in Netanya and next Tuesday (8:30) at the Haifa Auditorium. The Netanya performance is with playback instead of an orchestra.

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

DOMY Reiner Soffer's new opus Hedim ("Echoes") will be presented once again tonight by the Bar-Dor Dance Company at its own theater in Tel Aviv. The music by Benny Nagari, Amos Elkana and others is performed live on stage by Chen Zimbalista. 8:30.



Chris Holloway portrays the king in the operatic musical 'David and Bathsheba,' which premieres tonight in Jerusalem.

ROCK CINEMA

DAVID ISAACSON

IN the summer of 1970, some 600,000 stoned hippies made their way across the Solent in the south of England for the Isle of Wight rock festival. This landmark event featured, among others, Bob Dylan, the Doors, the Who, Donovan and, in one of his final performances, Jimi Hendrix. It lacked the flower-power idealism of Monterey, the violence of Altamont and the mass-media attention of Woodstock, and was none the worse for that. Together with the Grosvenor Square anti-Vietnam protests and the Rolling Stones' free concert in Hyde Park following the death of Brian Jones, it

was Britain's most memorable contribution to the final throes of the love, peace and happiness era. Benny Dukkevich presents a two-hour documentary, one of his Rock Cinema series, at the Jerusalem Cinematheque tonight at 9:30

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

THERE are dog people and there are cat people, and sometimes it seems never the twin shall meet. Dog-lovers talk of companionship and loyalty, while cat-fanciers almost revel in the fact that when it comes to their affections, felines can't be bought. Human ties to both have ancient roots, and scientists have uncovered evidence of the first domesticated cats not far from here in Egypt. In the first part of a new series, Cats, BBC World travels to this region to follow the historical trail of pawprints which leads all the way to our household tabbies. Starting at 11:30 p.m.

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Medical help for tourists (in English) 177-022-9110 The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-8529205, for emergency calls 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning. Eran - Emotional First Aid, Jerusalem 610303, Tel Aviv 5481111 (children/young 8991113), Haifa 8572222, BeerSheva 494333, Nazara 525110, Karmel 988777, Kfar Sava 787455, Hadera 346789. Wizo hotlines for battered women 02-651111, 03-8461133 (also in Russian), 07-97611, 08-860606 (also in Amharic). Rape Crisis Center (24 hours), Tel Aviv 5234819, 5449181 (men), Jerusalem 255558, Haifa 8533533, Elat 31977.

Hadassah Medical Organization - Israel Cancer Association telephone support service 02-247676.

SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Command, 5 Dances, 8 Sausi, 9 Clapped, 10 Partially, 12 Tea, 13 Allow, 14 Chases, 17 Tie, 18 Fixate, 20 Sparrow, 21 Disto, 23 Nize, 24 Depress. DOWN: 1 Cheap, 2 Man, 3 Acidity, 4 Decile, 5 Diary, 6 Nepotism, 7 Endears, 11 Reluctant, 13 Artisan, 15 Holiday, 16 Gaveed, 18 Farce, 19 Storm, 22 Two.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Sailors (5) 2 Catholic prayer-book (6) 9 Take out (7) 10 Categories (5) 11 Rip (4) 12 More willing (7) 13 Beer (3) 14 Tumbled (4) 15 Cook (4) 16 Knot (3) 20 Flightless bird (7) 21 Men only (4) 22 Immaculate (5) 25 Retort (7) 26 Putrid (6) 27 Rocks (5) DOWN 1 Originate (6) 2 Additional (5) 3 Scrutinize (4) 5 Example (8) 6 Small fish (7) 7 Gleam (6) 8 Look hard (5) 13 Union (8) 15 Beech (7) 16 Football (6) 18 Prickle (5) 19 Exit (6) 22 Discrimination (5) 23 Fight (4)

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 The royal house set trap - about time! (11) 9 A number enter new craft, showing watchfulness (9) 10 Superior European university (5) 11 Fighting unit in a London suburb (5) 12 Points into the cupboard, being dense (5-3) 13 One finds this really sickening (6) 15 An example of the popular attitude (8) 18 Sheepish creatures get a break by the sea (8) 19 Colour when getting angrier (6) 21 Minister, a Labour leader of the country (8) 23 Company bringing little cold store into use (6) 26 Greek character in some gainful occupation (5) 27 Putting rubbish in order, he's choked (9) 28 Improvements made in stone building (11) DOWN 1 Soothe the head about state set-up (7) 2 Spy for a guy (5) 3 Forming designs on the clients (8) 4 In spring rewards will be increased (4) 5 Little bird sanctuary on the heath (8) 6 Covers for heels (5) 7 Woman having two articles put into safe-keeping (7) 8 A boy in a rush used his head (8) 14 Trapped Oriental bad-men put out (8) 16 Perhaps a car to enthral one? (9) 17 Left content in new squeeze... (8) 18 ...following strike - left in sympathy (7) 20 Taking note, goes for interest (7) 22 Talk or eat without restraint (5) 24 A barbeque, that would be best (5) 25 Nail for railway poster (4)

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